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THE BAPTIST CHURCH AT CHAPEL HILL

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INTRODUCTION

This is not a history. Dr. A. C. Howell several years ago wrote a brief history of the church, treating the period from 1854 to 1924. He was the first to "mine" the old minutes. Brief sketches had been written as early as 1858 but no one before had attempted to put together a story of the ensuing years.

This is a Centennial Monograph. We have gathered together some interesting facts about persons and events connected with the first one hundred years of the life of the Baptist Church at Chapel Hill and we have documented them. We have collected some photographs which were about to disappear and some which would be difficult to procure later on. We have included a biographical sketch of the last six pastors of the church with a brief word about each one's ministry, compressed from a longer account which each man prepared himself. We have compiled a 100-year Statistical Table of the church and Sunday School and a 40-year Statistical Table of the WMU. We have appended a Centennial Roster of Members.

Persons now living are too close to the past 30 years to write a history of them. The fuller papers from which we have worked, a collection of annual reports, volumes of church bulletins, minutes of committee meetings and other source material covering recent years will be deposited in the church archives. When the proper time arrives and the proper historian appears these will be available.

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By Samuel Tilden Habel

"The Baptist Church at Chapel Hill!" That is the way it was referred to at the time of its founding in 1854, and that is the name which best distinguishes it today, one hundred years later. These one hundred years are a story of many interesting events; a story through which moved the figures of many great and good people—some outstanding, some well-known, some less well-known; a story that deals with stern set-backs and moving triumphs; a story of faithful service to both Town and Gown; a story of a church fulfilling the historic mission of *the* Church, never shirking its responsibility to the people, to the community, to the University, to the denomination, or to the interests of the whole Kingdom of God; a story of a church which has often, and in the main, been the "body of Christ."

BAPTISTS AT CHAPEL HILL

The Baptist Church at Chapel Hill began in a most unusual manner. The plans for the building were formulated, a building committee organized, a contract let, and the construction of a building begun before the church was ever organized or constituted. And, three members of that first Building Committee were not members of any church and were not even professing Christians!

In the early period of the history of the University of North Carolina, while compulsory chapel for students obtained and there were no denominational organizations in the Village of Chapel Hill, the Baptist constituency in the village and in the University were served by the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, only two miles away. In the early half of the nineteenth century it was popular not only for Baptists in the village and in the University to attend religious services at Mt. Carmel, but it was a form of recreation for many who were not Baptists! It may well have been that when the swing away from compulsory chapel and Sunday services on the campus precipitated the movement which resulted in the establishment of churches at Chapel Hill by the major denominations, the proximity of Mt. Carmel and the advantage to the Baptists resulting therefrom, may have intensi-

fied the determination of the other denominations to build churches in the village. This also accounts for the fact that the Baptists were the last of the four major denominations to move in; viz., they already had a near-by church of considerable strength (In 1844 Mt. Carmel reported 127 members, being the second largest church in the Sandy Creek Association at the time.)

Kemp Plummer Battle in his *History of the University of North Carolina* indicates the popularity of services at Mt. Carmel:

As might be conjectured from the increase of the income from the students and in the number of the Faculty, together with a small addition to their salaries, the village became larger and more modern between 1820-1830. The ladies arrayed themselves in finer clothes, improved their houses with added rooms and with paint, cultivated grass and flowers on their lawns, frequented the University and Society libraries, rode to hear preaching sometimes in the neighborhood churches, especially Mount Carmel, induced services in the University Chapel, prayed fervently but never aloud, at prayer-meetings and inaugurated reading clubs."¹

MERRITT'S WILL

When Elder William H. Merritt died in 1850, he left a will which was responsible for the building of the Baptist Church at Chapel Hill. Merritt was an ordained Baptist minister (ordained Baptist ministers at that period used the title "Elder" instead of "Reverend") and he was also a man of affluence. Records of the period show that he gave liberally to many denominational causes, often being the largest giver in the Association. He made donations which inspired the building of several Baptist Churches in this area, always stipulating that the building be "commodious." At his death he left the then large sum of \$1,200 and two lots on which to erect a building for the establishment of a Baptist Church in Chapel Hill. He designated his son-in-law Elder George Washington Purefoy (Purify) to be the executor of his estate.

It was this will that stimulated interested persons in Chapel Hill to have the community avail itself of the handsome bequest. Where did Elder Merritt get his money? Who was this Baptist preacher who outgave the laymen of his day?

LIFE OF WILLIAM H. MERRITT

William H. Merritt owned a large plantation of many acres adjacent to Chapel Hill, lying along what is now known as the

¹ Kemp Plummer Battle: *History of the University of North Carolina*, Vol. I, p. 311.

Pittsboro Road and along Morgan's Creek. On the creek not far from Chapel Hill was located a mill which he owned and operated. It was known as Merritt's Mill. There is a street in Chapel Hill today called the Merritt Mill Road. The mill produced the most famous flour in North Carolina. An old-time Tar Heel, years later in his recollections, would recall that "Merritt's flour was widely known and prized."²

It was some four years after Merritt's death that the provisions of his will began to be carried out. One of those persons who would play a major role in the beginning of the church and in the early years was Elder George Washington Purefoy, son-in-law of Merritt, whom we shall treat more fully later on. It is to him that we are indebted for what facts we have of Merritt's life and we present herewith a sketch of Merritt which he wrote in 1859:

ELDER WILLIAM H. MERRITT

Was born the 19th of February, A. D. 1779, in Chatham county, North Carolina. He professed religion in 1801 or '02, at the Old Fork M. H. (now Rock Spring), under the ministry of Elder George Pope, and was baptized shortly afterward by Elder Isaac Hicks, near the mouth of New Hope. The church of which he became a member was at Prichard's M. H. (now Mount Carmel). He was licensed to preach the gospel in 1824; his first sermon was preached from Ps. cxix 103, at Benjamin Dodd's, on the first Sabbath evening in November, 1824.

He was strongly impressed that it was his duty to preach for a long time before he commenced. His education was limited; he was, however, well read in the Scriptures, in Andrew Fuller's and other works, and was no doubt the best disciplinarian that ever belonged to the Sandy Creek Association. For a long time before he entered the ministry, and afterward, he was seldom without a New Testament in his bosom, and frequently slept with it there at night. Few men have loved the Bible better, and studied it more closely than he. He was ordained to the work of the ministry by Elders James Ferrell and Thomas Freeman, on the 12th of May, 1827.

Elder Merritt was raised by Pedobaptist parents; his father, Rev. William Merritt, was an Episcopal Methodist. As soon as Elder Merritt learned to read the New Testament (at school) he became a Baptist in sentiment. Upon reading that book it was evident to him that the Methodists did not practise according to its teachings. He could recognize nothing for baptism but immersion, and could discover no command, or example for infant sprinkling. He then had no knowledge of the Baptists, but supposed that somewhere there were no doubt Christians who followed the Bible; he determined, when he became his own man, that he would travel until he found them.

² Kemp Plummer Battle: *Memories of an Old-Time Tar Heel*, p. 64

When he became acquainted with the Baptists he recognized them as the true followers of the Scriptures, and when converted, he united with them.

When he first commenced preaching, his ideas sometimes became eclipsed, and he would be compelled to stop in the midst of his sermon. This was a severe trial of his faith. He was very much discouraged by some of his older brethren in the ministry; by others he was much encouraged; among the latter were Elders R. T. Daniel and John Purefoy, each of whom were emphatically the young preacher's friend. From 1830 to 1838 he preached a great deal, was blessed with revivals, and baptized quite a number of persons, built up several churches, and subscribed liberally for meeting-houses, on condition that they were built large enough and of good materials. At Antioch, Rock Spring, Emmaus, Bear Creek, Mineral Spring, and McCloud's, he was instrumental in doing much good. His liberality to the poor, and to every good work, is well known. He was a strong friend of all those institutions the tendency of which was to diffuse knowledge, and extend the Redeemer's kingdom at home and abroad. He bequeathed \$1,000 to build a Baptist house of worship in Chapel Hill, and \$2,000 to Wake Forest College, to be appropriated to the education of young men called of God to the work of the ministry.

Few men have suffered for so long a time as severe afflictions as Elder Merritt. For a number of years before his death, from pains which he had suffered, he was unable to walk; he still continued to preach, and would ride to his appointments in his carriage, and then be placed in a chair, and his servant, assisted by a brother or friend, would take him into the pulpit, where, on a high chair, made for that purpose, and which he carried with him, he would sit and preach.

Elder Merritt was possessed of indomitable energy and perseverance, both in secular and religious matters. At the time of his death he had been confined six or eight weeks; during a part of this time he was in doubts and fears, owing mainly to the diseased condition of his body. He frequently said, during his last sickness, which he was sure would be unto death, "I am willing to die when, where, and how the Lord pleases." A few days before his death he said to the writer, "I know that Jesus was formed in my soul, the hope of eternal glory, about fifty years ago."

He died on the third day of July, 1850, being in the seventy-second year of his age. His funeral sermon, at his request, was preached by Elder John Purefoy from 1 Thess. iv. 13, 14.³

Merritt was active in all the work of the church. He represented Mt. Carmel many times at the Sandy Creek Association and he represented the Association often at the Baptist State Convention. He served as moderator, preached many sermons, and one year reported that he baptized 100 persons. The Baptist

³ George W. Purefoy: *History of the Sandy Creek Association*, pp. 320, 321, 322. Sheldon & Co., New York. 1859.

people of this area memorialized him with appropriate resolutions.⁴

THE CHURCH IS ERECTED AND ACCLAIMED

The building of which Elder Merritt had dreamed was begun in 1854 and completed in 1855. It still stands today on the corner of Church and West Franklin Streets and is now the Masonic Temple.

The new edifice was widely acclaimed and the *North Carolina University Magazine* in the issue of May, 1855, saluted it with a glowing tribute:

"We wished merely to congratulate the patrons of this institution (the church) upon this happy state of things, suggested just at this time, by the completion of the Baptist Church on Main Street. It is the finest, most commodious and eligibly situated church in town, and forms an important link in the chain of religious facilities . . ."⁵

Many of the first members who served on the committees and on the Board of Deacons had been active members of the Mt. Carmel Church, men like Elder Purefoy, John Hutchins, and W. G. Weaver. It was in Weaver's home that the organizational meeting of the new church took place (as "Upon This Rock" depicts) and it is interesting to note that Weaver was the great-granduncle of the present chairman of the Board of Deacons, Judge L. J. Phipps. (It was in the home of the present Pastor's great-grandfather Miles Davis that the first meeting of the Methodist Church of Chapel Hill was held.)⁶

The Mt. Carmel Church soon reflected the loss in membership to the Baptist Church at Chapel Hill. By 1858 the Mt. Carmel membership had fallen to 35 members, but in time the mother church recovered and today she reports 352 members.

In the *Biblical Recorder*, issue of June 23rd, 1855, is given the only description of an early service at the Baptist Church at Chapel Hill from an outside source that we can find. The visiting preacher, about whom the story centers, was one of the controversial figures of the time, J. R. Graves of Tennessee, editor of the *Tennessee Baptist*, author of *The Great Iron Wheel* which had stirred up a storm of controversy and aroused the ire of other denominations. He drew one of the largest crowds ever assembled at Chapel Hill up to that time and succeeded in incensing the

⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 228.

⁵ *N. C. University Magazine*, Vol. IV, No. 4, p. 189, May, 1855

⁶ The writer's mother before marriage was Mary Louise Davis of Richmond, Virginia. *Vide.*, Battle's *History of U.N.C.*, Vol. I, p. 619

Methodist pastor by his sharp attack on infant baptism and sprinkling. We quote from it at length because there are some interesting items in it; e.g., that two-hour sermon!⁷

REV. J. R. GRAVES AT CHAPEL HILL

The Great Iron Wheel, Great Excitement, Etc.
Bro. James:

At the solicitation of the writer and the pastor of the Baptist Church at Chapel Hill, Elder Graves spent the 3rd Sabbath in this month at that place. On Sunday at 11 o'clock he preached in the New Baptist Church to an immense crowd, his sermon of two hours in length was listened to without any abatement of interest. We suppose no sermon was ever preached in Chapel Hill that made a deeper, or more abiding impression in favor of truth.

At 3 o'clock an overwhelming crowd assembled around the baptismal pool, which has just been erected near the church. Bro. Graves addressed the audience 40 or 50 minutes with an irresistible array of facts that have, no doubt, put many to thinking seriously upon the mode and subject of baptism.

The pastor, Rev. B. J. Hackney, then immersed five individuals. The crowd of spectators at the water preserved the most profound order and decorum.

At night Bro. Graves preached again to a large audience.

At this point the letter refers to the Methodist pastor and his anger at Elder Graves for his charges. He accuses Graves of putting forth "false and slanderous" doctrine and of being "desitute of character", and states that "we Methodists would not pollute our mouths" by answering him in debate! The letter continues:

Elder Graves is editor of the Tennessee Baptist with 10,000 circulation.

June 23, 1855

(Signed) A BAPTIST

THE DESIGN OF THE OLD CHURCH

By all counts the old building is a pleasing architectural achievement. Intriguing questions immediately arise which are not answered in the old minute books or in the historical sketches of the church still extant. Who was the architect? Who suggested the design? The building committee was at work long before the church was organized and the records begun.

There is an account in the church files, neither the source nor the author being indicated, which states unequivocally that the design of the old building was furnished by Dr. Francis P. Wayland, President of Brown University, at the request of Mrs. Mary Palmer Battle!

⁷ *Biblical Recorder*, Thursday, June 28, 1855. (Wake Forest Archives)

If this be true, then the Baptist Church at Chapel Hill has a connecting link with the oldest Baptist settlement in America at Providence, Rhode Island, where Brown University was organized by the Baptists, being closely integrated with the life of the First Baptist Church of Providence.

Dr. Wayland was a great scholar of that period. He was a writer of repute and was held in high esteem by the Baptists of the South until just before 1860, when he became such an outspoken abolitionist that he alienated a large portion of his Southern following.

The statement referred to above goes on to assert that Mrs. Battle and Mrs. W. A. Graham, of Hillsboro, were good friends and staunch promoters of the Baptist Church at Chapel Hill. Mrs. Graham was the wife of Governor W. A. Graham, outstanding North Carolina political leader, Secretary of the Navy, U. S. Senator, and Governor of North Carolina. She was an ardent Baptist and active in the Hillsboro(ugh) Church. It is recorded in the first minute book of our church that Governor Graham, Mrs. Graham, and Mrs. Graham's mother all made substantial contributions to the building of the Baptist Church at Chapel Hill.

"TO-WIT POLLY"

The afore-mentioned story is also very interesting because it connects the famous Mary Palmer Battle with the Baptist Church at Chapel Hill. The Battle Book tells something about her early life. The Battle family, so long prominent in North Carolina life and in the history of the University, were staunch Baptists for many generations.

Mary Palmer Battle, "To-Wit Polly," was the wife of Joel Battle. They were the grandparents of Kemp Plummer Battle, one-time President and historian of the University of North Carolina. Kemp Battle's father and mother were confirmed in the Episcopal Church late in life. Kemp Battle, himself, enamored of the Episcopal Church glosses over the Baptist record of his family in Eastern North Carolina. In Battle's "Memoories", he himself recounts that he gave his brother Wesley a new rifle in a deal to persuade him to insist on being called by his middle name, Lewis, otherwise people would think that the family was Methodist, of all things!⁸

⁸ To have been thought a Baptist may have been worse. Years later, in 1953 an Episcopalian woman in Chapel Hill told a newcomer, "My son is thinking of becoming a Catholic. That may be all right, I don't know. But one thing I do know, I'd rather for him to be dead than to be a Baptist!"

The famous "To-Wit" Polly was left a widow with eleven children when Joel Battle died in 1822. In her latter years she moved from the family acres between Rocky Mount and Tarboro to Chapel Hill and made her home with her youngest daughter, wife of Professor Charles Phillips. Preserved in the Battle Book is a photostatic copy of the letter Joel Battle wrote to Mary Palmer (Polly) Johnston's father, asking for her hand in marriage, and in which he avoids using her name throughout much of it and then comes suddenly to the point by employing a legal term, "to wit, Polly"! So Mary Palmer Johnston went down in history as "To-Wit Polly". These two grand-parents of Kemp Plummer Battle were both staunch Baptists all their lives, as was Elisha Battle, the sire of the clan, before them.

From the oldest minute book of the church, we quote the following entry to establish "To-Wit Polly's" connection with our church:

May 4, 1856—A large portion of the church being assembled this morning to hear a Sunday School address, and the address being over, at the request of Sister Mary P. Battle, the church went into conference when Sister Battle presented herself for membership with a letter from the Raleigh church upon which she was cordially received into our fellowship.

Sister Battle stated as a reason why she wished to unite with the church today: because this day forty-five years ago she was baptized.

Mrs. Battle's last days have been recorded for us in a letter by her granddaughter, Mrs. Lucy Phillips Russell:

"Mrs. Joel Battle died in Chapel Hill at the home of her youngest child, Mrs. Charles Phillips, who was my mother. What is now the Presbyterian Manse was our family home and there she spent her last years, and my first contact with death was from the arms of the small black woman who had been her nurse and mine, I being aged four. I do not know how much financial help she was able to give, she had been a widow with eleven children for forty-four years, but I am sure that she was a devout Baptist and her heart was in the work."⁹

THE SANDY CREEK AND MT. ZION ASSOCIATIONS

The Baptist Church at Chapel Hill was received into the old historic Sandy Creek Association at its 1854 session, meeting with the Mount Pleasant Meeting House, Randolph County, being represented by P. H. McDade and Isaac Hudson. Chapel Hill was the 29th church to join this body. This Association had been organized in 1758 at the call of the old Sandy Creek Baptist

⁹ Letter from Mrs. Lucy Phillips Russell, Rockingham, N. C. to the present writer, dated Feb. 22, 1954.

Church, mother church of all the Baptist churches in this area. The Association included churches in Orange, Randolph, Chat-ham, and Moore counties. The Sandy Creek Church by this time (1854) was down to 34 members, having given up members to organize many new churches, although in the first few years of its history, in the latter seventeen hundreds, it had grown to over 600 members, due to the flaming zeal of that "New Light" Baptist preacher from Connecticut, Shubael Stearns, whose fervor and fire had inaugurated and organized the Baptist work in this whole portion of North Carolina.

The Sandy Creek Association was a progressive and forward-looking body. It was customary during the early years for questions puzzling the various churches to be sent up for answers. The "queries" might be on matters of government, the proper method of dealing with heretical ministers, or upon the grave social problems of the hour. We include the following entry to show what was the social thinking of the Association some time prior to receiving the Chapel Hill Church. In 1847 the following query from the church at Sandy Creek was received:

"Is it agreeable to the gospel for members of the Baptist Church of Christ to buy and sell human beings, or keep them in bondage for life?"

For answer the church was referred to the minutes of 1835! In 1835 the Association had taken a stand from which it had not retreated:

WHEREAS, we believe it inconsistent with the spirit of the Gospel of Christ, for a Christian to buy and sell negroes, for the purpose of speculation or merchandise, or for gain:

RESOLVED, therefore, That this association advise the churches of which it is composed, to exclude members who will not abandon the practice, after the first and second admonition.¹⁰

The Association took a strong stand for temperance and against the "vending of spiritous liquors", energetically encouraged the Sunday School movement, generously supported the struggling State Convention, often remembered Wake Forest, and in the very year that Chapel Hill was joining appointed a committee to found an academy at a proposed site near Mt. Vernon Springs.

The story of the withdrawal of the negro "servants" (slaves) from the church at Chapel Hill to organize what was first designated as the Colored Baptist Church at Chapel Hill (later Rock Hill, then New Rock Hill, now First Baptist) has been told elsewhere. The Centennial Drama "Upon This Rock" poignant-

¹⁰ Vide, *Minutes of the Sandy Creek Association*, 1847, 1835, (Wake Forest Archives)

ly portrays the *voluntary* withdrawal and mentions the futile efforts ten years later of the Negroes to return.

It is not generally known that the Colored Baptist Church at Chapel Hill immediately following its organization petitioned unsuccessfully for membership in the Sandy Creek Association. From the Minutes of the 109th Session of the Sandy Creek Association held with the Mt. Olive Church, Chatham County, North Carolina, October 4-7, 1867, pages 11-12, we quote:

"The Sandy Creek Association of Missionary Baptists, Friday before the 1st Lord's day in October, 1867, to the Colored Baptist Church of Chapel Hill.

Dear Brethren: Your letter soliciting our Christian Sympathy and advice, was laid before us by Brother P. H. McDade, and it will afford us much solid Christian pleasure, to comply with your request as far as we may be able. We have always felt, and rejoiced to feel that your Race was not to blame for alteration in the relation of the two races. It has been in such a manner as should impress both races with a deep sense of God's wonderful Providence and cause us humbly and thankfully to trust our all to Him. It is to a pure Gospel, and a pure religion that you must look as the best means of elevating your lives, and we will rejoice in any assistance that we can render you in this direction.

In regard to the subjects upon which you would be advised, we would submit that in our judgment it will be best for you to have a separate organization whenever you can, and when you have churches sufficient, form them into Associations. As to ministers, secure the best you can, whether white or colored. We would say attend the colored convention in Goldsboro, and if anything can be done to advance the cause of Christ among you, let it be done. This is an important period in the history of the church that we have reached. The church in the South, at least, is, we think, beginning to wake up to a sense of her high and holy mission. The State Mission Board of the Baptists of North Carolina are sending out a number of missionaries to preach the gospel to both races. These missionaries, if they do their duty will look after your people and assist you in your organization. And thus an effectual door, we trust, is opening for us to discharge a duty that we feel we owe you and for you to take a position in which you can labor more effectually in the Lord's vineyard. We will be two divisions of the same great army evincing our zeal for the Master's cause by laboring separately, when we can, but harmoniously, feeling that we have one common Master, one common Mission and one common hope—in a word—that we are brethren.

May the great Head of the Church direct you in all things and prosper his work in your hands.

AMOS WEAVER, *Chairman*

The Baptist Church at Chapel Hill withdrew from the Sandy

Creek Association in 1869 to join the newly formed Mt. Zion Association. Permission to separate was given as follows:

On motion, letters of dismission were granted the following churches to join a new Association, on the North Side of Haw River, viz: Antioch, Bethel, Chapel Hill, Mt. Carmel, Lystra, Pleasant Grove, Mt. Gilead.¹¹

THE OLD MINUTE BOOKS

Two old minute books recording the early activities of the church have been preserved and are kept in the vault of the Orange County Building and Loan Association. They carefully record the organizational meetings, the donors to the first building fund, the names of members, minutes of conferences, the early and subsequent history of the church.

It is our opinion, however, that the oldest book extant was purchased about 1859, or five years after the organization of the church. The oldest entries are written in the past, not the present, tense and show that the clerk, P. H. McDade, was transcribing, not something which had just taken place, but something already past. His opening paragraph about the early history is almost a verbatim quotation from George W. Purefoy's sketch of the church which appeared in Purefoy's "History of the Sandy Creek Association" published in 1859. This would put McDade's entries beyond that date.

Elder J. P. Mason was the first clerk of the church and kept some minutes, portions of which McDade transcribed. That there was another book antedating the oldest one we now have, is attested to by some of McDade's entries. He refers to material which he did not transcribe. On page 63, Book I, he writes, "See old church book, Proceedings abridged," showing that he was transcribing from an earlier book. On page 64, Minute Book I, he refers to something in the "church archives."

Our church is most fortunate in having almost complete records. They would be the envy of many churches. It was only by a narrow squeak that the first minute book escaped destruction during the Civil War. Mrs. P. B. Lassiter, of Wilson, N. C., granddaughter of P. H. McDade has related the story for us (in a letter to the writer dated March 28, 1954):

Perhaps you will be interested in this story as told me by my mother, Addie McDade Williams, of how the early minute book was saved from destruction. My grandfather, whose three sons were in the Confederate service, "refugeed" from Chapel Hill, when it was

¹¹ Minutes of Sandy Creek Association, 1869. p. 4

thought it would be in the line of Federal forces, pursuing Johnson's army.

As it happened, the farm, at which my grandfather was living at the time, was near a bridge which the Confederates burned to delay the enemy. While it was being repaired, Federal soldiers descended upon the farm house, pillaging and destroying. Among the valuables carried from Chapel Hill, was the minute book. As a Federal soldier started to toss it on a bonfire, my grandfather said, "Gentleman, that is not my property, but belongs to the Chapel Hill Baptist Church." The soldier refrained from burning it.

(All of Mt. Carmel minutes prior to 1890 were lost.) But, while McDade has preserved for us the most vital information about the beginning of the Baptist Church at Chapel Hill, we could wish that we had a record of what took place between Merritt's death in 1850 and the beginning of the construction of the building in 1854. We would like more information about some of those planning sessions. What became of the "old church book"? What happened to the "church archives"? Did P. H. McDade leave any personal papers? If so, where are they?

Clerks, acting upon what they consider to be the best interests of the church, or of personalities involved in controversies, or of the feelings of relatives and descendants often have a convenient way of "losing" an occasional sheet with the most "interesting" information from the record of a church conference or deacon's meeting. Perhaps it takes this to make a good clerk!

ELDER GEORGE WASHINGTON PUREFOY

No man did more in the early years for the Baptist Church at Chapel Hill than George Washington Purefoy. He was the son of John Purefoy, a distinguished Baptist minister, who selected the site for Wake Forest College.

George Washington Purefoy was active for many years, first in the Sandy Creek Association, and then in the Mt. Zion Association. In 1858, he preached the Centennial Association Sermon and, at the request of the Association, he enlarged upon his sermon and extended it into a history of the first 100 years of that body which was published in 1859 and constitutes one of the most valuable historical documents which Baptists in this area possess.

Purefoy took over Merritt's flour mill after the latter's death¹² and the mill now became known as Purefoy's Mill, a name which was still applied to it up until a few years ago when in a decayed state it was swept away by the swollen waters of the creek. Pure-

¹² Merritt left the bulk of his estate (including the mill) to his daughter, Lucy, wife of Elder Purefoy.

fof was one of the strongest men in the denomination and a tower of strength in the Chapel Hill Church. He was chairman of the Building Committee which planned and guided the construction of the church. He often supplied the pulpit; was called several times to be the pastor, but would never accept that office; served as moderator, and was for many years the most generous giver in the congregation. It is interesting to note in the minutes that whenever an "Assessment" was prepared for the membership Purefoy's name always headed the list with the largest assessment!

George Washington Purefoy wrote in 1858 what we think is the first history ever written of the Baptist Church at Chapel Hill. We give it below:

CHAPEL HILL

This church owes a debt of gratitude to the late Elder William Henry Merritt, for his zeal and liberality in their behalf. He was probably the first in conceiving and presenting the idea of planting a Baptist church at the University of the State. For this purpose he purchased the lots on which the church building and the female academy now stand. In addition to these lots he made bequests amounting to about \$1,200, toward the erection of the church edifice. Soon after his death the building committee employed an agent to solicit additional funds, and soon erected a neat and substantial brick house, thirty-five by seventy feet. In the meantime, the Mount Carmel Baptist church (March 11th, 1854) organized a branch of that church at Chapel Hill. On the 14th of April following, the first meeting was held at the house of Brother William G. Weaver. On the 15th day of September following, the church was constituted by a presbytery consisting of Elders J. J. James, George W. Purefoy, John C. Wilson, and B. J. Hackney.

The church now numbers about one hundred and sixty members. A few years after its constitution, Elder Teasdale, of Washington city, held a protracted meeting, which resulted in great additions to the church.

In 1855 and '56, Elder B. J. Hackney served as pastor; since then Elder Levi Thorne has been their pastor.

The deacons of this church have been William G. Weaver, John Hutchins, Nash Cheek, and John Ward.

Brother P. H. McDade is their clerk.

Connected with this church there is a flourishing Sunday School, owing chiefly to the efficiency of its superintendent, Brother P. H. McDade. Much credit is also due to the teachers, both male and female.¹³

Several descendants of Elder William H. Merritt and Elder

¹³ Loc. Cit., p. 285

George W. Purefoy are in Chapel Hill today and these great-grandchildren can look back to a rich heritage of church devotion and fidelity to the Baptist denomination.

THE PRESENT CHURCH BUILDING

Who can tell the story of the building of the present church better than Charles E. Maddry, stalwart son of Orange County, ardent Baptist leader, ordained in the Baptist Church at Chapel Hill, one-time Executive Secretary for the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, one-time Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the man whose vision saw the need and whose energy furnished the drive to get Baptists to build a larger building at Chapel Hill nearer the campus and more adequately suited to serve the needs of both Baptist students and Baptist townspeople?

At our request Dr. Maddry has jotted down his version of the building of the present church:

From my earliest recollections, the Baptists of Chapel Hill were trying to convince the Baptists of the State that Chapel Hill Baptists were unable to take care of the ever-increasing number of Baptist students attending the University. Several pastors of the local church attempted to raise funds from the Baptists of the State for the purpose of building an adequate and worthy church house in Chapel Hill. The church house was three long blocks from the University, consisted of a small chapel, seating about three hundred and two small rooms in the rear that took care of the infant class and the beginners.

The Chapel Hill Church from time to time secured assistance from the State Mission Board on the pastor's salary. The first application for assistance was made in 1864. A small grant was made, but was declined by the pastor Rev. N. W. Wilson.

With the coming of Rev. J. W. Wildman as pastor in 1905, earnest efforts were made year by year to induce North Carolina Baptists to assist the local church in securing a new church house with adequate accommodations for the local church and the Baptist students attending the University. These efforts were continued by W. R. L. Smith, J. G. Pulliam, and E. L. Baskin. In 1920, at the time being pastor of the University Baptist Church of Austin, Texas, I was elected General Secretary of the Baptist State Convention. I held an evangelistic service with the Chapel Hill church in October, 1921. Several University students were converted and joined the church. At the close of the meeting, the church and local friends pledged over \$25,000.00 for the new church. Dr. W. C. Coker, of the University faculty, gave \$1,000.00 for the building. I recommended that a new site be secured for the church. I bought the present site for \$12,000.00 from the heirs of Dr. A. B. Roberson and from W. E. Lindsay.

The State Mission Board encouraged the local church to sell the old church building and lot and apply the proceeds toward their part of the new building. The State Mission Board paid, including the lot, \$97,000.00 and the Home Mission Board gave \$5,000.00. A total of \$102,000.00 was given by the two Mission Boards for the building of the church.¹⁴

THE DESIGN OF THE PRESENT CHURCH BUILDING

The design of the present building was supplied by The Department of Architecture of the Southern Baptist Convention. In the Greek style, the church has often been referred to by people who do not know as "looking like a courthouse." Actually, it is an American modification of the famous Parthenon, and represents the Greek revival in Architecture in America. At the present, most of the new church buildings in the Southern Baptist Convention are being erected in Colonial Architecture (Modified Georgian) with spires, et cetera. The village of Chapel Hill in its business section has "gone in" for this kind of architecture a la Williamsburg (restored). Our church building may one day be a Greek oasis in a desert of Colonial.

The present Baptist Church at Chapel Hill looks very much like one of the most famous churches in the world located in Paris, France—the Église de la Madeleine. We were highly pleased when a native Parisienne, moving to Chapel Hill and inquiring of us which church we served, to hear her exclaim, upon being informed, "O ze beeg church on ze corner zat looks like ze Église de la Madeleine!"

Baptists in the South for many years were influenced by the Greek revival in architecture because the first Baptist Church erected in the South was built in Charleston, South Carolina and was designed by the foremost architect of the day, Robert Mills, the man who designed the Washington Monument. Of all his work, he was most proud of the Baptist building at Charleston, which looks very much like the Baptist Church at Chapel Hill.

Our church is on the principal corner in Chapel Hill across the street from the campus. We hope to secure the corner lot and convert it into a formal garden with a campanile, in which will be mounted the old bell from the original church, which was bought by the ladies of the church and mounted in the tower of the old church on Feb. 15, 1855. It was brought to the present church in March, 1954, by H. D. Bennett and F. C. Morrow.

¹⁴ Letter to the writer, March, 1954.

THE PARSONAGE

The church had once owned a Parsonage located behind the old building on the lot where now stands the N. C. Pharmacy Association Building. The first parsonage was remodeled from the old academy building which was operated for some years by persons connected with the church.

After this building burned the church was without a parsonage and paid the rent for pastors on any house which might be available. One pastor took the rental allowance and built a home on Vance Street. When he left, he offered it to the church for a parsonage, but the offer was rejected. So, the church went for thirty years or more without a parsonage. But, all during this time the minutes talk again and again about "buying a parsonage," "building a parsonage," "buying a lot," et cetera. Nothing was done.

It was during the pastorate of the present writer that the church was moved to act. In 1950 a lot was purchased on the corner of Vance and Ransom for the sum of \$5,500.00. In the fall of 1951, the construction was begun on a two-story Colonial parsonage under the supervision of Dr. J. T. Dobbins, long an active member of the church, who had a number of years before led the church to create a Parsonage Fund. It was completed at a cost of around \$25,000 and was occupied in May, 1953 by the present pastor and his family. It has proved to be a very suitable and usable facility of the church, and supplies in a gratifying manner a long standing need. The Parsonage was financed by the sale of \$25,000 worth of bonds, all except \$3,500 worth being bought entirely by the members of the church. Of the \$3,500, \$2,500 worth were bought by two persons who each had once had a close relative who was an outstanding member of this church. The sale was completed on the first offering and accomplished in one day. So, the congregation borrowed the money from itself, and plans to pay itself back with interest at the end of twenty years when the bonds mature. Each year the church sets aside the amount necessary to guarantee retirement in an interest-bearing fund.

THE CHURCH AND THE UNIVERSITY

Our church has always had a close tie with the University. It was founded with the idea in mind of serving the needs of the University. The Village of Chapel Hill was so small that there were only a few townspeople to serve.

The Mt. Carmel Church very early had served the University long before any denominational church was established in the Village. Purefoy's History states that a University student, James G. Hall, was appointed Clerk of the Mt. Carmel Church as early as 1819. Dr. William Hooper, stepson of President Caldwell, left the Episcopal Church to become an ordained Baptist minister and is buried on the campus of the University near President and Mrs. Caldwell. Hooper was an active member of the Mt. Carmel Church. He was one of the most brilliant professors and scholars of the day and adorned the Baptist denomination as well as serving it. He was pastor at New Bern, second president of Wake Forest College, President of Chowan Institute (now Chowan College), et cetera. He was always interested in the Baptist Church at Chapel Hill, preached here occasionally as the minutes show, and would undoubtedly have been a charter member if he had not resigned his professorship and moved to Wake Forest, New Bern, and Chowan, thus being away from Chapel Hill during the period of its organization.

Student activity in the church began with the beginning of the church. The oldest minute book of the church (Vol. I, page 67) records that in the setting up of the "Assessments," that is, the designated financial quotas for members, in 1858, "Students, colored members, and married sisters" are to be exempted. This is proof that within four years after the founding of the church the congregation is "considering the students!"

Through the years students became more and more active. In the pre-Civil War period, when a Presbyterian minister was president of the University, Baptist supporters of Wake Forest accused the University of being "denominational" and also of being "atheistic." They were later joined in the cry by the Methodists and at a still later date when there appeared to be Episcopalian dominancy of the University, the Presbyterians who had had their way so long, joined the Methodists and the Baptists in the same outcry.¹⁵

The details of life in Chapel Hill during the Civil War and the daily activities of the pastor of the Baptist Church at Chapel Hill have been preserved for us in the very interesting longhand diary of the Rev. N. W. Wilson, which is now lodged in the Southern Historical Collection in the University of North Carolina Library. Mr. Wilson kept a day by day diary during his

¹⁵ *Vide.*, Luther L. Gobbel: *Church—State Relationships in Education in North Carolina Since 1776*

Chapel Hill pastorate. We have his diary for 1862, 1864, 1865. It tells a story of his rounds of calling, of conferences with church members (e.g., P. H. McDade, longtime clerk, and George W. Purefoy), of studying at home, of reading papers, of news from the battlefronts, of the sadness of defeat and of death, of the stillness over Chapel Hill, of unseasonable weather, of a tired preacher on Sunday evenings following three services, of a sick wife, of the birth of a baby, of the conduct of funerals and of weddings, et cetera.

Mr. Wilson had moved from Chapel Hill¹⁶ by the time of the annual Associational meeting in 1867. By 1868 life in Chapel Hill was at a low ebb. James A. Graham has drawn a contemporary picture of the village and the church:

Since the suspension of the University in 1868 and the decline of the theretofore flourishing village of Chapel Hill, they have not had services as often as heretofore, but we hope that they may now look for a brighter future.¹⁷

Following the Civil War, in the 1870's, under the pastorate of the Rev. A. C. Dixon,¹⁸ the Baptist Church became tied even more closely to the University. Many students were converted under his preaching and went out to grace the Baptist denomination and to serve the State. Governor Locke Craig (who served as Superintendent of Sunday School when a student), President Edwin A. Alderman (President of U.N.C., Tulane University, University of Virginia), Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner (who died this year, 1954), the famous education governor, Charles B. Aycock, and many others.

By 1924, when the new building was completed, the Baptist constituency in the University had grown to such a point that it was felt by the denomination that the pastor of the church was no longer able single-handed to serve the needs of the town and the University. So the first Student Secretary was employed and paid by the State Convention and attached to the local church to serve under the supervision of the pastor. He was Du Pre

¹⁶ Mr. Wilson next served the Baptist Church in Danville, Virginia. He went from there to the pastorate of the Grace Street Baptist Church, in Richmond, Va. After that he won further distinction with his preaching as pastor of the Coliseum Baptist Church in New Orleans, where he died in an epidemic of yellow fever. His body was brought to Richmond, Va., and he was buried from the old Grace Church.

¹⁷ James A. Graham: *Manuscript History of the Mt. Zion Association from its Organization Until A. D. 1875*, p. 62.

¹⁸ Mrs. June Sparrow has in her possession a diary for 1878 which was kept by Mrs. Emily P. Wilson, daughter of Elder George W. Purefoy, which contains very interesting day-by-day descriptions of church meetings and other events in the life of the church members. Many entries refer to the activities of Mr. Dixon, e.g., "Mrs. Tilley twice insulted Mr. Dixon on the street today."

Rhame. He soon left to take a position at Furman University. He was succeeded by Marvin Skaggs, who served for one year. Skaggs was succeeded by L. H. Tapscott of Alabama, who served for two or three years. Thereafter, the declining financial resources of the Convention made it necessary to stop the practice.

Depression came and it was not possible for the denomination to provide an assistant for the pastor in the work of this college church.

Following World War II, however, with an influx of veterans, bringing hundreds of Baptist students and with the improved financial condition provided by a war-inflated economy, the denomination again provided a student worker for Chapel Hill. This time it was to be J. C. Herrin, a native of the state, graduate of Wake Forest, and of Union Seminary in New York. He came in 1946.

By 1948, Baptist students in the University outnumbered all other denominations, passing beyond the 2,000 mark. With the graduating of the veterans, there has been a decline in the enrollment of the University, dropping from the all-time high of 7,800 to about 6,000 at present. There are now some 1,400 or more Baptist students in the University at Chapel Hill.

Experts predict that the University enrollment by 1970 will swell to 10,000 (when the "bumper crop" of war babies reach college age). If, and when, that happens, the Baptist constituency in the University may reach 3,000! The Baptist Church at Chapel Hill will be eagerly waiting to minister to them!

We have found expressed in an old manuscript history of the Mt. Zion Association, written in 1875 and never published, a statement which can still stand as an expression of the importance, purpose, and ideal of this church:

Situated as this church is, at the principal seat of learning within the State, it is important that it should be cherished and nourished not only by this Association, but by the Baptists of the whole State and such influences brought to bear, as will, under God's direction and guidance, enable us to cull from those who at that place seek education in temporal things, many who being inspired by the love of Jesus and taught in his precious precepts, may go forth to spread the glad tidings of salvation among the perishing millions not only of our own land but of the world.

As the University has lately thrown open her portals to again spread the learning of this world, so let us put forth every exertion to gain, from the youth assembled there, many precious souls to

Christ who will shine not only as ornaments in this world, but as bright stars in the world to come.¹⁹

RELATIONS WITH THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

For many years the State Board of Missions on behalf of the denomination subsidized the Baptist work at Chapel Hill because the student ministry of the church was recognized as a denominational responsibility. Hundreds of students coming here could not have their spiritual needs amply filled without some financial assistance being given the local congregation.

For many years increasing amounts were sent to Chapel Hill as a supplement to the pastor's salary and for the upkeep of the monumental building the Baptists of North Carolina had erected here. When the present writer came as pastor, one of the first things he did was to begin to create sentiment for "independence," i.e., leading the church to carry the full financial load itself and to relieve the Board. At the meeting of the Board of Deacons held on October 11, 1950, we presented the matter. At that time the State Board was sending \$3,000 per year to the Baptist Church at Chapel Hill and the church was sending \$3,000 back to the Board, designated as our contribution to the Cooperative Program and to Missions. We challenged the church to stop requesting the assistance and to begin sending a contribution to the Cooperative Program which would not be returned. That fall the church voted with enthusiasm to do this and every year since, the church has met its own budget without help and has steadily increased its gifts to the Cooperative Program and to Missions, besides expanding its local commitments. For the first time, it has ceased to be a *Mission* Church and has become a *Missionary* Church!

As we have looked back through the church records, we have found that many times there have been complications and problems which arose simply because of the *dual* control of the local work. The Board had a right to its say and the church had its right to its say. "Two masters" are un-Scriptural. The result has been that the Chapel Hill situation has often become highly "explosive." At times bitterness and wrangling have darkened the picture. It is our opinion that when the denomination subsidizes work in a local Baptist church, all funds should be channeled directly through the local church treasurer, all personnel

¹⁹ James A. Graham: *History of Mt. Zion Association from Its Organization Until A. D. 1875*, p. 64 (Manuscript) Supplied by Mr. Clarence Pickard.

employed directly by the church, and the church left on its own. The Convention agencies must trust the local church to handle the work to the glory of God and to the credit of the denomination. If, at any time, the Board of Missions feels that this is not happening, its sole response should be the withdrawal of the subsidy! Otherwise, we try to operate as a hierarchy without governing rules, responsible authority, protocol and without the experience and traditions of a hierarchy! And, the net result is, to use a mild term, "confusion."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

In 1855 our church organized its Sunday School work. At first these schools were called "Sabbath" Schools and in the early minutes that is the way they are always designated. P. H. McDade, long-time clerk, kept the Sunday School work going for many years. Below we give an early report:

The Chapel Hill Church has a Sabbath School which was organized in March, 1855 and has continued regularly at work ever since. Dr. Wm. B. Harrell is the present Superintendent with 2 assistants, 6 male, 5 female teachers, 35 female and 42 male pupils. There are 350 and 400 vols. belonging to the Library, and there has been since the commencement of the school between 600 and 700 vols. on hand. The School takes 65 copies of "The Children's Friend" and since its first organization 16 of its pupils, have been added to the church, who have made their Christian professions.²⁰

(Signed) P. H. McDade, Oct. 3, 1860

At this time the Baptist Church at Chapel Hill was operating a mission Sunday School 2½ miles south of the village at a place called "Lonesome Grove." There were 39 pupils and "the prospect for doing good" was "very encouraging." With an enrollment in Chapel Hill of only 91, the church was starting mission work!

Through the years the Chapel Hill Church continued an active Sunday School work under able leaders. Often the University has furnished the Superintendent. Dr. Collier Cobb, professor of Geology, was one of these. Dr. Cobb's tenure of office was for almost twenty years and he holds the record for the longest superintendency in the history of the church. You are invited to consult the Statistical Tables to find the names of the other superintendents who have served. Sheriff S. W. Andrews did outstanding work. Mrs. Clarence Pickard, until her death some years ago, performed a memorable service with the boys

²⁰ Report to Sandy Creek Assn., Page 19. Minutes of the Sandy Creek Assn.

and girls of the Junior Department. Dr. Cecil Johnson, the Centennial Superintendent, is carrying on the work in the honored tradition of the church. He is professor of History in the University.

THE W. M. U.

The women organized very early after the founding of the church. At first, they were designated as "The Sewing Society" and some of their first self-appointed assignments were to decorate the church, to buy the famous bell (506 pounds, the minutes say!), which is just now being returned to the church by the Masonic Lodge, and to "lift the debt!"

Later on they became the Woman's Missionary Society and later still the Woman's Missionary Union with all the auxiliary organizations, Sunbeams, G.A., R.A., Y.W.A., et cetera. In the early years of W.M.S. a prominent name in the records is that of Mrs. Cornelia Roberson, mother of Miss Nellie Roberson, who is a member of the Centennial Committee. Today there is a W.M.U. circle named the Cornelia Roberson Circle. Mrs. L. W. Marriott deserves mention for her pioneer work with the Sunbeams, having led this organization for many years. There is a Bible class in the Sunday School which is named in her honor as a tribute for her work in our church. Mrs. H. D. Strowd is the Centennial President of the W.M.U.

B. S. U.

The B.S.U. plays an increasingly vital role in the life of this college church. Founded for the purpose of linking the college student to the college church and for evangelization and fellowship, the B.S.U. program means much to the college student, to the church and to the denomination. Joe Giles and Tom Mauldin share the honor of being Centennial president of our B.S.U. This year the Sunday evening supper forums have averaged between 80 and 100 college students in attendance.

CHURCH MUSIC

For many years Mrs. J. M. Williams served as church organist. Mrs. F. H. Edmister was organist for some time. Mrs. A. S. Winsor, our present organist, has been serving 25 years. Occasionally, substitute organists filled in for periods of one year or less.

Miss Lena Mae Williams has been serving as choir director for a number of years.

Our music has always been an important part of our church program, with many college students participating.

GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP

At the end of 1854, the organizational year, the church reported 38 members. In the Associational Records for 1855 Chapel Hill reported 75 members. By 1858, within 4 years, the membership was up to 162. By 1866 it has reached 170. The loss of the Negro members following the Civil War reduced the membership to the point where it stood at the end of the first year, or thereabouts. It was not until the last year of Dixon's pastorate (1879) that it climbed once more above 170.

For the next 34 years the membership dropped and remained below this mark. In 1913, under Dr. W. R. L. Smith, it climbed past 170 again and reached 207 in 1915, but this was not maintained. It was not until 1920, under Rev. E. L. Baskin, that the 200 mark and better was sustained.

Since then the church has steadily grown in membership. In 1927-28 a large number of names were dropped from the roll. For two years following this time, during Mr. Olive's pastorate, a diligent effort was made to locate every non-resident member. The names of those not located were placed on an inactive list by a vote of the church and no longer reported as members.

During the interim following Dr. Barnett's pastorate almost two hundred more names were dropped from the rolls after a serious effort to locate them had proved futile. Most of them were V-12 students who had affiliated with the church during World War II or members baptized by Chaplain George W. Cummins of the V-5 Pre-Flight School, all of whom were transferred or sent overseas. This posed a difficult problem for the Membership Committee but it was impracticable to continue these names on the rolls when they or their relatives in distant points, after being written to, failed to respond or provide correct addresses. This explains the drop from 721 members reported in 1946 to 552 members reported in 1947.

During the past five years over 500 members have been received into the fellowship of the Baptist Church at Chapel Hill. Due to the fluid nature of the population and to the rapid turnover in student membership net gains are made slowly. The

church last year (1953) reported to the Mt. Zion Association a membership of 778, which included 185 non-resident members.

The Sunday School in 1953 reported an enrollment of 508 members. The W.M.U. reported 194 members (W.M.S. 125, Sunbeams 40, Y.W.A. 8, G.A. 8, R.A. 12).

THE BAPTISTS AND THE WORLD

Dr. Cecil Johnson, professor of History in the University and the Centennial Superintendent of our Sunday School, prepared for the opening adult assembly one morning in March of the Centennial year a brief, yet comprehensive, and challenging view of our missionary enterprise. Dr. Johnson comes of an outstanding Mississippi Baptist family. His father was president for a long time of Mississippi College. His mother, Mrs. J. L. Johnson, of Jackson, Mississippi, has often spoken to many organizations in our church and has thrilled us with her noble spirit and rich wisdom. Dr. Johnson is deeply interested in Missions, and no one better expresses that interest for our church. We quote his statement below:

Some time ago our pastor, Dr. Habel, preached a sermon on the topic "Baptists Stand for Freedom" which gave me a new appreciation of Baptists and which thrilled me with our Baptist heritage. Not only do Baptists have a great history and a fine tradition, but we as Baptists are engaged in a great missionary enterprise that stretches literally to the far corners of the earth. We say that Christ is the answer to the seemingly insoluble problems which confront us and we are giving some proof that we believe this by a noble program. I want to mention only two aspects of this program today.

Our Home Mission Board employs more than 600 workers in an endeavor that extends from Alaska on the Northwest to Cuba on the Southeast and includes the Canal Zone to the South. It provides workers among the Chinese in the West, the French in Louisiana. It includes a hundred workers among those dispossessed 100% Americans, the Indians of the Southwest, and 169 among the Spanish-speaking people of the same area. It also includes good will centers, rescue homes, work among the Migrants and work among the Negroes.

The Foreign Mission Board has a total of more than 879 missionaries who are serving in 30 countries of the world with 3,000 native workers in 1,900 organized churches with a membership of 195,067. This work includes evangelization, education, care of orphans, and medical missions (8 hospitals, 11 dispensaries, 7 clinics, served 71,425 patients) and is carried on at a cost of \$7,785,000. This work is financed in part by the Cooperative Program in which our church participates and by special offerings.

So as Baptists we are not just members of the Chapel Hill Baptist Church, but we are the inheritors of a great tradition, the heirs of a

heroic history, participants in a great powerful program which, not only may turn the world up-side-down, as one early critic put it, but offers the ray of light and hope to a confused world that totters on the brink of destruction.

We are proud to be members of the Chapel Hill Baptist Church, of the North Carolina Baptist Convention, of the Southern Baptist Convention, of the Baptist World Alliance, and of the fellowship of all denominations that seek to bring the healing power of Jesus Christ to a confused and suffering world.

OUR SEXTON

In the beginning our church had difficulty procuring funds to pay a part-time sexton. Today we have a full-time sexton on our staff, whose salary exceeds that paid by the church to all pastors prior to 1925. Isaac Edwards has been our faithful Church Sexton for the past seven years. The Centennial Sexton is a member of the First Baptist Church (formerly Rock Hill).

E. L. BASKIN
Pastor, 1917-1923
Biographical Data

Born October 12, 1890 on farm of parents, James B. and Fannie Hagan Baskin, near Ray City, Berrien County, Ga.

Attended Oaklawn Baptist Academy, Lakeland, Ga., Mercer University (A.B., 1912), Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Th.M., 1916), Post-Graduate (1916-17, Louisville).

Pastor, Baptist Church at Chapel Hill, N. C., 1917-1923. Pastor, First Baptist Church, Sylvester, Ga., 1924-1943. Pastor, Baptist Church, Calhoun, Ga., 1943-1951. Associational Missionary, Hephzibah Association, Ga., 1951-.

Married Mary Paul Groom of Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 2, 1917. Two sons: Ernest, Jr. (born 1920, Chapel Hill) and James Groom (b. 1927, Sylvester, Ga.)

Chaplain, World War I (on leave from Chapel Hill, returned shortly after receiving commission due to end of war). Kiwanis Club. Rotary Club. Various denominational positions.

Interesting Features of Chapel Hill Ministry

Came to Chapel Hill from the Seminary. Brought new bride in August, 1917.

Decided growth experienced in Sunday School, B.Y.P.U., and W.M.U. (Mrs. Baskin, a graduate of Louisville Training School, was a state Mission secretary in Missouri before marriage and gave an impetus to the WMU work). Outstanding revivals held by Dr. J. E. Welch of Durham and Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Executive Secretary N. C. Baptist Convention.

Present church building erected 1922-23, the lot on which it stands having been purchased in 1920. Formal opening was October 7, although the congregation began using the building in September (1923). Dr. Paul Bagby, then of Wake Forest, held revival following opening.

EUGENE I. OLIVE
Pastor, 1924-1933
Biographical Data

Born, Wake County, N. C., Dec. 7, 1890. Father was a lumberman. Moved to different places where timber grew. Birthplace eighteen miles from Chapel Hill.

Attended, Buies Creek Academy (Campbell College), Wake Forest (A.B., 1910), Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Th.M., 1918).

Pastor and teacher in public schools in Cumberland County, 1910-1915. Pastor, First Baptist Church, Dunn, N. C., 1918-1921. Pastor, First Baptist Church, Mt. Airy, N. C., 1921-1924. Pastor, Baptist Church at Chapel Hill, N. C., 1924-1933. Pastor, Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro, N. C., 1933-1940. Pastor, Baptist Church, Wake Forest, N. C., 1940-1947. Public Relations and Alumni Activities, Wake Forest College, 1947-

Married, 1926, to Miss Iva Pearson of Raleigh and Dunn. Only child a daughter (now Mrs. W. C. Rankin of Raleigh) was born in Chapel Hill.

Acting Editor of the *Biblical Recorder* for one year during Wake Forest pastorate. Written for American Baptist Publication Society and for the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Interesting Features of Chapel Hill Ministry

Old Church Building sold to the Masonic Lodge. Amount received was applied to the Church debt. A public sale of the old parsonage was made, but difficulty about the title cancelled the sale. In 1925 the church agreed to make a monthly allowance in lieu of a parsonage. In 1925 the pastor built his own home on Vance Street which he later sold, upon leaving.

First student secretary furnished by the Baptist state convention. (See above for information concerning Du Pre Rhame and those who followed him, viz., Marvin Skaggs and L. H. Tapscott.) Church Rolls revised and efforts made to locate non-resident members. Longest pastorate in the first 100 years of the Church's history.

OLIN T. BINKLEY
Pastor, 1933-38
Biographical Data

Born, Aug. 4, 1908, Harmony, N. C. parents, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Binkley.

Attended Wake Forest College (A.B., 1928), Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, (Th.B., 1930), Yale (B.D., 1931, Ph.D., 1933).

Married, Pauline Eichmann, New Haven, Conn., Aug. 24, 1933. Two children, daughters, Pauline Edith (b. Chapel Hill), Janet Margaret (b. Wake Forest). Ordained, 1928. Asst. Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, New Haven, Conn., 1931-33. Pastor, Baptist Church at Chapel Hill, N. C., 1933-38. Professor, Dept. of Religion, Wake Forest College. Professor, Christian Sociology and Ethics, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Professor, Christian Sociology and Ethics, Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest N. C. Author. Lecturer.

Interesting Features of Chapel Hill Ministry

Organized Visitation Committee. Reduced the church indebtedness. Purchased electric organ. Directed B.S.U. work without an assistant and without budgetary aid. B.S.U. met Thursdays, Forums on Sunday evenings which related Biblical truth to contemporary issues. Some outstanding speakers were: Dr. W. C. Jackson, William Couch, Dr. Howard Odum, Dr. Frank Graham, Dr. T. Z. Koo, Rabbi Israel, Dr. John R. Mott. Made many outside addresses.

GAYLORD P. ALBAUGH
Pastor, 1939-1942
Biographical Data

Born: Dayton, Ohio, 1910.

Attended: Ohio State University (A.B., 1932), Colgate-Rochester Divinity School (B.D., 1936), Post-graduate work, University of Chicago, (1936-1939).

Pastor, Baptist Church at Chapel Hill, N. C., 1939-1942. Professor of Church History, Divinity School, McMaster University Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, 1943. (This is the official theological school of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec and of the Baptist Union of Western Canada.)

Married, Frances Earl, June 25, 1939. Son, Gaylord, Jr. (b. 1941).

Interesting Features of Chapel Hill Ministry

Emphasized young people's work. High School Fellowship. Cub Scout Pack, and R. A. work. Majored in counseling. Student work on Sunday evenings, seven o'clock meeting followed by fireside hour with refreshments. In 1942 supported a Service Canteen for the Navy, with women of church active. High School burned and the Baptist Church Sunday School facilities were used as a High School. S. W. Andrews died and the church was filled to capacity, including the balcony, for his funeral service. Rev. W. M. Wilson, rotund, retired Baptist minister served as "Associate", and was a familiar figure "making his rounds of calling in his pitch black suit, old-time black bow tie and black broad-brimmed ministerial hat dating (in style) from frontier days".

DAS KELLEY BARNETT
Pastor, 1943-1947
Biographical Data

Born, Dec. 16, 1914, at Heber Springs, Arkansas.

Attended: Hardin Simmons University (A.B. 1936). Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Th.M., 1941, Th.D., 1943). Post-Graduate work, Yale Univ.

Pastor, Baptist Church at Chapel Hill, N. C., 1943-1947. Teacher, Mercer University, Ga., 1947-1952. Assoc. Prof. of Christian Ethics, Episcopal Theo. Seminary Southwest, Austin, Texas, 1952.

Married, Virginia Anne Craver of Boonville, N. C., June 10, 1942, (M.R.E. from Louisville). Martha Anne, b. Chapel Hill, 1946, David (b. 1949), Mary Elizabeth (b. 1952). Ordained to the Baptist ministry at Heber Springs, 1931. Left the Baptist denomination 1952. Ordained 1953 as Episcopal minister.

Rotary Club. Founder and co-editor "Christian Frontiers". Red Cross. Community activities, Moderator, Mt. Zion Assoc.

Interesting Features of Chapel Hill Ministry

Began student breakfasts with program. Many V-12 and V-5 personnel and students in the church program. Inaugurated Sunday night student suppers with programs. Rev. J. C. Herrin was acquired as student worker, marking the resumption of the presence in the church program of a denominational employee paid by the Board of Missions to carry on student work. A ministry which emphasized the social aspects of the Gospel and "never dodged the questions of race, economic exploitation, and post-war greed". Large increase in membership. Mimeographed sermons often distributed to the congregation. First Church Secretary employed.

SAMUEL TILDEN HABEL
Pastor, 1948-
Biographical Data

Born: Natural Bridge, Virginia, October 20, 1908. Son of the Rev. Samuel Tilden Habel, Sr. and Mary Louise Davis Habel. Father was Virginia Baptist minister for 40 years. Mother taught for many years in Virginia public schools.

Attended: University of Richmond (B.A., 1927), Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Th.M., 1930), University of Edinburgh, Scotland, (Ph. D., 1945), Faculte Libre de Theologie Protestante de Paris, France (1939). Also, the Sorbonne (1939).

Pastor, Nashville Baptist Church, Nashville, N. C., 1930-34. Pastor, Enfield Baptist Church, Enfield, N. C., 1934-1938, 1939-1940. Pastor, West End Baptist Church, Suffolk, Virginia, 1940-1948. Pastor, The Baptist Church at Chapel Hill, N. C., 1948-

Ordained, Weatherford Memorial Baptist Church, Richmond, Va. (1930). Married, February 12, 1932 to Iris Boddie of Nashville, N. C. Daughter, Marilyn (b. Amelia, Va.), Son, Samuel Tilden III (Sammy) (b. Suffolk, Virginia.)

Lions Club (Va.), Rotary Club (Chapel Hill).

Interesting Features of Chapel Hill Ministry

Set up Zone and Area Visitation System with reporters and visitors. Also, Andrew Club of lay evangelistic teams. Began Family Night programs on Thursdays with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Kutz supervising and planning menus (Well-attended). The church becomes "independent" of the Board of Missions and for the first time since the Civil War pays its own way. Gifts to Missions largest in the 100 years. In 1953 presented a set of new pulpit furniture to the Negro Baptist church for their new building. Overpledged the budget (\$24,964.00). Annual gifts to orphanage which had been steadily climbing through the years reached an all-time high of \$1,269.00 in 1949 when D. C. Phillips was S. S. Superintendent. Built new parsonage on Vance street in 1951 at cost of approximately \$25,000.00 for building and \$5,500. for lot. Remodeled church vestibules (upper and lower), provided Ladies Lounge, and equipped a modern stainless steel kitchen with serving counter. Improvements cost about \$16,000.00, (1953). During the past five years over 500 new members have been received into the church.

100-YEAR STATISTICAL TABLE 1854 — The Baptist Church at Chapel Hill — 1954

Year	Pastor	No. Church Members	Additions	Church Clerk	Sunday School Superintendent	Enroll.	Pastor's Salary	Contrib. to Orphanage	Gifts to Missions	Denom., Ed.	Local Church	Gifts—	GRAND TOTAL
1854	J. P. Mason			J. P. Mason	P. H. McDade		\$ 152						
1855	B. J. Hackney	75	11	P. H. McDade	P. H. McDade		190						
1856	B. J. Hackney	125	36	P. H. McDade	P. H. McDade		626						
1857	Levi Thorne	145	16	P. H. McDade	P. H. McDade		609						
1858	Levi Thorne	162		P. H. McDade	P. H. McDade		600						
1859	Levi Thorne	151	10	P. H. McDade	P. H. McDade		\$ 850						
1860	No Pastor	138	18	P. H. McDade	Dr. W. B. Harrell				\$ 109.23		\$ 1,254.75		\$ 1,363.98
1861	N. W. Wilson	141	13	P. H. McDade	Dr. W. B. Harrell								
1862	N. W. Wilson	135	7	P. H. McDade	Dr. W. B. Harrell								
1863	N. W. Wilson	160	38	P. H. McDade	Dr. W. B. Harrell								
1864	N. W. Wilson	163	15	J. R. Hutchins	Dr. W. B. Harrell								
1865	N. W. Wilson	159	5	J. R. Hutchins	Dr. W. B. Harrell								
1866	N. W. Wilson	170	3	P. H. McDade	Dr. W. B. Harrell								
1867	No Pastor	80	5	P. H. McDade	Dr. W. B. Harrell								
1868	No Pastor	83	0	P. H. McDade	P. H. McDade	65							
1869	W. R. Gualtney	79	4	P. H. McDade	P. H. McDade								
1870	W. R. Gualtney	69		P. H. McDade	P. H. McDade	95							
1871	W. R. Gualtney	72	6	P. H. McDade	P. H. McDade								
1872	W. T. Farrow	68		P. H. McDade	P. H. McDade	101							
1873	W. T. Farrow	71	6	J. R. Hutchins	J. R. Hutchins								
1874	No Pastor	75	3	J. R. Hutchins	J. R. Hutchins								
1875	No Pastor	68		J. R. Hutchins	J. R. Hutchins								
1876	A. C. Dixon	115	54	A. J. McDade	A. J. McDade								
1877	A. C. Dixon	127	16	A. J. McDade	A. J. McDade								
1878	A. C. Dixon	144	13	A. J. McDade	A. J. McDade		\$ 650		\$ 1,132		\$ 1,173		\$ 2,305

1879	A. C. Dixon	177	31	A. J. McDade	A. F. Redd	100	\$ 650	\$	126	\$	786	\$	912
1880	R. Bryan	169		A. J. McDade	Locke Craig	125	\$ 850	\$	109.23	\$	1,254.75	\$	1,363.98
1881	N. B. Cobb	161	14	A. J. McDade	J. W. Gore	125	\$ 600	\$	175.42	\$	743.05	\$	918.47
1882	M. D. Jeffries	155	11	A. J. McDade	J. W. Gore	135	\$ 700	\$	203.81	\$	1,246.97	\$	1,450.78
1883	M. D. Jeffries	163	19	A. J. McDade	J. W. Gore	155	\$ 800	\$	278.42	\$	1,082.76	\$	1,361.18
1884	M. D. Jeffries	167	21	A. J. McDade	J. W. Gore	172	\$ 720	\$	103.87	\$	850.13	\$	954
1885	Ed. M. Poteat	165	5	A. J. McDade	J. W. Gore	175	\$ 600	\$	82.61	\$	961.23	\$	1,043.84
1886	E. S. Alderman	161	11	W. S. Robertson	J. W. Gore	120	\$ 600	\$	82.24	\$	769.10	\$	851.34
1887	Geo. B. Taylor	158	16	W. S. Robertson	J. W. Gore	125	\$ 660	\$	232.38	\$	966.05	\$	1,198.43
1888	Geo. B. Taylor	146	15	W. S. Robertson	J. W. Gore	127	\$ 660	\$	165.56	\$	854.35	\$	1,019.91
1889	Geo. B. Taylor	167	32	W. S. Robertson	J. W. Gore	75	\$ 600	\$	124.37	\$	772.34	\$	896.71
1890	S. M. Hughes	164	11	E. S. Merritt	J. W. Gore	100	\$ 650	\$	139.54	\$	763.36	\$	902.90
1891	J. L. Carroll	163	14	E. S. Merritt	Collier Cobb	80	\$ 650	\$	221.47	\$	980.48	\$	1,201.95
1892	J. L. Carroll	162	5	E. S. Merritt	J. W. Gore	65	\$ 700	\$	166.44	\$	1,041.02	\$	1,207.46
1893	J. L. Carroll	139	7	A. J. McDade	H. H. Horne	75	\$ 600	\$	178.98	\$	852.50	\$	1,031.48
1894	J. L. Carroll	146	25	A. J. McDade	H. H. Horne	110	\$ 500	\$	163.59	\$	647	\$	810.59
1895	J. L. Carroll	154	18	A. J. McDade	Collier Cobb	117	\$ 16	\$	66.28	\$	139	\$	312.53
1896	J. L. Carroll	143	3	A. J. McDade	Collier Cobb	81	\$ 60	\$	25.65	\$	92.06	\$	319.91
1897	F. L. Cleveland	143		A. J. McDade	Collier Cobb	125	\$ 600	\$	125.00	\$	228.29	\$	1,087.29
1898	F. L. Cleveland	148	27	L. J. Weaver	Collier Cobb	90	\$ 600	\$	120.83	\$	730.33	\$	851.16
1899	F. L. Cleveland	152	22	W. S. Robertson	Collier Cobb	160	\$ 600	\$	140	\$	1,623.42	\$	1,763.42
1900				W. S. Robertson	Collier Cobb	100	\$ 600	\$	193.64	\$	778.65	\$	972.29
1901	J. W. Jones	162	20	Fred C. Smith	Collier Cobb	100	\$ 600	\$	447.19	\$	748.09	\$	1,195.28
1902	J. W. Jones	163	13	Fred C. Smith	Collier Cobb	100	\$ 1000	\$	236.90	\$	1,217.21	\$	1,454.11
1903	H. C. Moore	153	10	Fred C. Smith	Collier Cobb	115	\$ 600	\$	55.60	\$	797.00	\$	1,067
1904	C. A. Jenkins	118	5	Fred C. Smith	Collier Cobb	130	\$ 415	\$	50	\$	758.26	\$	948.97
1905	J. W. Wildman	124	14	Fred C. Smith	Collier Cobb	100	\$ 600	\$	103.40	\$	1,134.44	\$	1,298.31
1906	J. W. Wildman	132	14	Fred C. Smith	Collier Cobb	115	\$ 600	\$	158.87	\$	897.11	\$	1,315.16
1907	J. W. Wildman	126	9	Fred C. Smith	Collier Cobb	135	\$ 520	\$	168.18	\$	699.32	\$	1,002.32
1908	J. W. Wildman	131	8	Fred C. Smith	Collier Cobb	175	\$ 500	\$	35	\$	800.07	\$	1,002.07
1909	J. W. Wildman	125	9	C. B. Griffin	Collier Cobb	85	\$ 299	\$	35	\$	447.41	\$	729.41
1910	W. R. L. Smith	120	9	C. B. Griffin	Collier Cobb	110	\$ 800	\$	423.50	\$	1,580.45	\$	2,003.95
1911	W. R. L. Smith	143	33	C. B. Griffin	Collier Cobb	175	\$ 800	\$	267	\$	2,399.96	\$	2,666.96
1912	W. R. L. Smith	163	33	C. B. Griffin	Collier Cobb	175	\$ 800	\$	215	\$	1,638.37	\$	1,853.37
1913	W. R. L. Smith	177	17	C. B. Griffin	Collier Cobb	152	\$ 800	\$	353.51	\$	1,424.45	\$	1,777.96
1914	W. R. L. Smith	189	21	C. B. Griffin	S. W. Andrews	160	\$ 800	\$	287	\$	1,395.72	\$	1,682.72
1915	W. R. L. Smith	207	42	F. P. Tilley	S. W. Andrews		\$ 800	\$		\$		\$	

100-YEAR STATISTICAL TABLE (cont'd)

Year	Pastor	No. Church Members	Additions	Church Clerk	Sunday School Superintendent	Enroll.	Pastor's Salary	Contrib. to Orphanage	Gifts to Missions, Ed.	Gifts—Local Church	All Gifts GRAND TOTAL
1916	E. L. Baskin	174	7	F. P. Tilley	S. W. Andrews	175	\$ 800	\$ 60	\$ 286	\$ 1,288.50	\$ 1,574.50
1917	E. L. Baskin	179	14	F. P. Tilley	S. W. Andrews	175	\$ 900	\$ 150	\$ 360	\$ 1,553.70	\$ 1,913.70
1918	E. L. Baskin	194	30	F. P. Tilley	Zeb Council	175	\$ 600	\$ 196	\$ 406	\$ 1,426.42	\$ 1,832.42
1919	E. L. Baskin	196	8	W. O. Sparrow	Zeb Council	136	\$ 600	\$ 222	\$ 489	\$ 1,205.89	\$ 1,694.89
1920	E. L. Baskin	205	13	W. O. Sparrow	Zeb Council	152	\$ 720	\$ 430	\$ 2,032	\$ 1,496.76	\$ 3,528.76
1921	E. L. Baskin	225	38	W. O. Sparrow	S. W. Bynum	175	\$ 720	\$ 474	\$ 522	\$ 4,324.33	\$ 4,846.33
1922	E. L. Baskin	250	39	W. O. Sparrow	S. W. Bynum	186	\$ 953	\$ 462	\$ 1,503	\$ 2,208	\$ 3,711
1923	E. L. Baskin	259	18	W. O. Sparrow	S. W. Bynum	300	\$1000	\$ 530			\$ 14,947
1924	E. I. Olive	282	40	W. O. Sparrow	A. C. Howell	304	\$1500	\$ 130	\$ 852	\$ 9,659	\$ 10,511
1925	E. I. Olive	326	79	W. O. Sparrow	M. L. Skaggs	279	\$1500	\$ 442	\$ 2,006	\$ 7,979	\$ 9,986
1926	E. I. Olive	339	31	W. O. Sparrow	W. H. Tapsco	326	\$1687	\$ 444	\$ 2,042	\$ 6,150	\$ 8,192
1927	E. I. Olive	339	40	W. O. Sparrow	L. H. Tapsco	401	\$2050	\$ 438	\$ 1,383	\$ 6,720	\$ 8,103
1928	E. I. Olive	391	73	W. O. Sparrow	G. Maurice Hill	406	\$1666	\$ 466	\$ 2,132	\$ 6,451	\$ 8,583
1929	E. I. Olive	398	41	W. O. Sparrow	G. Maurice Hill	386	\$1500		\$ 1,785	\$ 6,308	\$ 8,004
1930	E. I. Olive	402	54	W. O. Sparrow	G. Maurice Hill	405	\$1950		\$ 1,601	\$ 7,015	\$ 8,616
1931	E. I. Olive	398	33	W. O. Sparrow	W. G. Privette	375	\$1791	\$ 463	\$ 1,317	\$ 6,009	\$ 7,326
1932	E. I. Olive	356	36	W. O. Sparrow	W. G. Privette	350	\$2098		\$ 1,319	\$ 4,968	\$ 5,287
1933	O. T. Binkley	356	18	W. O. Sparrow	W. G. Privette	339	\$1280		\$ 1,006	\$ 4,537	\$ 5,543
1934	O. T. Binkley	368	37	W. O. Sparrow	W. G. Privette	382	\$1240	\$ 322	\$ 1,088	\$ 3,975	\$ 4,667
1935	O. T. Binkley	368	32	W. O. Sparrow	W. G. Privette	385	\$1435	\$ 266	\$ 1,083	\$ 3,488	\$ 4,571
1936	O. T. Binkley	392	36	W. O. Sparrow	W. G. Privette	385	\$1435	\$ 424	\$ 1,353	\$ 3,491	\$ 4,845
1937	O. T. Binkley	422	49	W. O. Sparrow	E. S. Lanier	339	\$1440	\$ 443	\$ 1,405	\$ 4,452	\$ 5,857
1938	F. K. Poole	453	50	W. O. Sparrow	E. S. Lanier	343	\$1575	\$ 370	\$ 1,359	\$ 4,789	\$ 6,148
1939	G. P. Albaugh	469	58	W. O. Sparrow	Cecil Johnson	369	\$1620	\$ 526	\$ 1,620	\$ 5,040	\$ 6,660
1940	G. P. Albaugh	*362	48	W. O. Sparrow	Cecil Johnson	401	\$1470	\$ 517	\$ 1,735	\$ 4,803	\$ 6,538
1941	G. P. Albaugh	401	67	W. O. Sparrow	Cecil Johnson	386	\$1620	\$ 519	\$ 1,687	\$ 5,268	\$ 6,955
1942	G. P. Albaugh	411	40	W. O. Sparrow	Claude Best	416	\$1440	\$ 540	\$ 2,004	\$ 5,082	\$ 7,086

1943	D. K. Barnett	494	97	W. O. Sparrow	Claude Best	324	\$1037	\$ 897	\$ 2,158	\$ 4,842	\$ 7,000
1944	D. K. Barnett	606	145	W. O. Sparrow	Claude Best	339	\$1950	\$1,081	\$ 3,043	\$ 9,088	\$ 12,131
1945	D. K. Barnett	639	121	W. O. Sparrow	Claude Best	395	\$2180	\$1,210	\$ 3,249	\$ 10,193	\$ 13,442
1946	D. K. Barnett	721	115	W. O. Sparrow	D. C. Phillips	397	\$2000	\$ 964	\$ 4,583	\$ 11,102	\$ 15,685
1947		552	67	W. O. Sparrow	D. C. Phillips	379	\$2408	\$ 782	\$ 3,520	\$ 14,402	\$ 17,922
1948		539	59	W. O. Sparrow	D. C. Phillips	385	\$1415	\$1,048	\$ 3,831	\$ 13,684	\$ 17,516
1949	S. T. Habel, Jr.	655	73	W. O. Sparrow	D. C. Phillips	350	\$2707	\$1,269	\$ 6,532	\$ 15,411	\$ 21,943
1950	S. T. Habel, Jr.	687	101	W. O. Sparrow	D. C. Phillips	453	\$2625	\$1,025	\$ 8,154	\$ 14,279	\$ 22,433
*1951	S. T. Habel, Jr.	719	115	W. O. Sparrow	Cecil Johnson	528	\$4475	\$ 961	\$ 4,869	\$ 17,687	\$ 22,555
1952	S. T. Habel, Jr.	751	138	W. O. Sparrow	Cecil Johnson	462	\$5100	\$ 568	\$ 7,120	\$ 16,657	\$ 23,777
1953	S. T. Habel, Jr.	778	107	W. O. Sparrow	Cecil Johnson	508	\$5325	\$ 504	\$ 6,245	\$ 20,602	\$ 26,847

† Prior to 1886 the church contributed to the Oxford Orphanage for several years. After Mills Home was opened for a year or two the Mt. Zion churches contributed to both. By 1887 this church was giving only to Mills Home.

* Prior to this date the Board of Missions had been supplementing the Pastor's salary and sending a subsidy to maintain the building. For the two preceding years the amount was \$3000. The church relieved the Board and assumed full financial responsibility for its own affairs.

WMU 40-YEAR STATISTICAL TABLE

Since 1914 (1st year WMU reported to Mt. Zion Association)

Year	President	Members WMS	Members YWA	Members GA	Members RA	Members Sunbeams	Total Gifts
1914	Mrs. W. R. L. Smith	22	20			39	\$ 148.00
1915	Mrs. Fred Smith	22	15			39	57.00
1916	Mrs. Bolling	22					43.00
1917	Mrs. E. L. Baskin	21					120.00
1918	Mrs. E. L. Baskin	32	10		12		204.00
1919	Mrs. E. L. Baskin	32	12	17	12	15	310.00
1920	Mrs. E. L. Baskin	35	15	7	15	25	654.00
1921	Mrs. E. L. Baskin	39	24	7	15	32	1,155.00
1922	Mrs. A. C. Howell	Total enrolled in all organizations—					115 958.00
1923	Mrs. A. C. Howell	43	16	10	10	42	1,108.00
1924	Mrs. J. A. Warren	47	16		5	26	1,550.00
1925	Mrs. J. A. Warren						1,791.06
1926	Mrs. J. A. Warren	48	15			25	1,264.00
1927	Mrs. J. A. Warren	56	15			34	772.00
1928	Mrs. Ernest Reynolds	52				37	361.00
1929	Mrs. Ernest Reynolds	53	15			20	1,012.00
1930	Mrs. Ernest Reynolds	50	6	6		18	785.00
1931	Mrs. A. C. Howell	37				36	569.00
1932	Mrs. A. C. Howell	45				20	747.45
1933	Mrs. A. C. Howell	62				23	365.66
1934	Mrs. I. W. Rose	70				20	547.00
1935	Mrs. I. W. Rose	95	20	11		20	491.00
1936	Mrs. I. W. Rose	97	11	10		28	591.00
1937	Mrs. A. C. Howell	74	12	10		31	448.00
1938	Mrs. Guy Phillips	72	16	8		12	531.00
1939	Mrs. Guy Phillips	72	17	8	8	22	Not reported
1940	Mrs. Guy Phillips	77	18	12	22	25	640.00
1941	Mrs. Floyd Turnage	72	16	10	16	28	679.00
1942	Mrs. Floyd Turnage	75	13	19	23	15	568.00
1943	Mrs. I. W. Rose	80	10	12	8	10	754.00
1944	Mrs. Guy Phillips	85		18		12	1,421.00
1945	Mrs. Guy Phillips	92		20		10	1,381.00
1946	Mrs. Paul Shearin	79		17		22	1,681.00
1947	Mrs. Paul Shearin	79		17		15	1,905.00
1948	Mrs. H. D. Bennett	95		10		15	Not reported
1949	Mrs. H. D. Bennett	104	15	15	15	30	Not reported
1950	Mrs. D. C. Phillips	129	18	16	17	40	3,895.64
1951	Mrs. D. C. Phillips	140	13	31	17	35	1,734.42
1952	Mrs. H. D. Strowd	130	12	33	20	44	1,018.01
1953	Mrs. H. D. Strowd	126	8	8	12	40	2,115.17

Roster of Members

- ABEE, Mr. Elmer, Jr.—320 W.
University Drive
- *ALLEN, Mr. John G., Jr.—Troy
N.C.
- ALLEN, Mr. O. A.—137 E. Rose-
mary St.
- ALLISON, Mr. James—303 Lewis
Dorm
- ANDREWS, Miss Agnes—202 W.
Rosemary St.
- ANDREWS, Miss Ola—202 W.
Rosemary St.
- ANDREWS, Miss Nelle—202 W.
Rosemary St.
- ANDREWS, Mr. R. C.—221 Vance
St.
- ANDREWS, Mrs. R. C.—221 Vance
St.
- ANDREWS, Mrs. Recie C.—204
Pritchard Avenue
- *ANDREWS, Major R. P.—3614 1st.
Road, South Arlington 4, Virginia
- *ANDREWS, Mr. Walton—Tulsa,
Oklahoma (4918 S Madison St.)
- *APPLETON, Mr. V. B.—Buffalo,
Oklahoma
- AVERETTE, Miss Helen—Box 158,
Nurses' Residence
- BAILEY, Mrs. J. O.—Box 414,
1505 Woodland Ave.
- BALLARD, Mr. George W., Jr.—
111 Alexander Dorm.
- BALLENGER, Mrs. Lillian (W. G.)
—Pritchard Ave. Ext.
- BALLENGER, Mr. Anthony—
Pritchard Ave. Ext.
- BALLENGER, Miss Donna—
Pritchard Ave. Ext.
- *BARHAM, Miss Kathleen—2100
Hillsboro St., Raleigh, N. C.
(married)
- BARRETT, Mrs. B. E.—16 Max-
well Road, Glen Lennox
- BARTLETT, Mr. C. S.—311 Mc-
Cauley St.
- BARTLETT, Mrs. C. S.—311 Mc-
Cauley St.
- BARTLETT, Miss Barbara—311
McCauley St.
- BARTLETT, Miss Betsy—311 Mc-
Cauley St.
- BASILE, Dr. David G.—50 Davie
Circle
- BASILE, Mrs. David G.—50 Davie
Circle
- BASS, Mr. J. N.—156 Bagley Drive
- BASS, Mrs. J. N.—156 Bagley Drive
- BASS, Miss Pearl—215-A Hillsboro
St.
- BAUCOM, Mr. Walter W.—Box
984, Stagecoach Road, Glen Len-
nox
- BAUCOM, Mrs. Walter W.—Box
984, Stagecoach Road, Glen Len-
nox
- BEARD, Mr. William Q., Jr.—8
Old West Dormitory
- BENNETT, Mr. Harvey D.—Forest
Hills
- BENNETT, Mrs. Harvey D.—Forest
Hills
- BENNETT, Miss Virginia Carolyn—
Forest Hills
- BENNETT, Miss Rebecca Anne—
Forest Hills
- *BENNETT, Lt. W. F.—3418 S.
Dakota Ave., N.E., Washington 18,
D. C.
- *BENNETT, Mrs. W. F.—3418 S.
Dakota Ave., N.E., Washington
- BERKUT, Dr. M. K.—#30 Old
Mill Road, Greenwood
- BERKUT, Mrs. M. K.—#30 Old
Mill Road, Greenwood
- BERKUT, Mr. Jack—#30 Old
Mill Road, Greenwood
- BERKUT, Miss Nancy Kay—#30
Old Mill Road, Greenwood
- BERRY, Mr. Marvin Bryan—103
Ruffin Dorm.
- BEST, Mr. Romulus—412 W.
Franklin St.
- BEST, Mrs. T. E.—305 Pittsboro
St.

*Non-Resident Member

- BEST, Mr. T. E., Jr.—305 Pittsboro, St.
- *BEST, Mr. William Ross—1423 W. Ontario, Philadelphia, Pa.
- BLAKE, Mrs. J. D.—209 Pritchard Ave.
- *BLAKE, Mr. Jimmy—Box 20, E.C.-T.C., Greenville, N. C.
- BLAKE, Mr. William D.—Box 83, Chapel Hill, N. C.
- BLAKE, Mrs. William D.—Box 83, Chapel Hill, N. C.
- BODENHEIMER, Mrs. Paul—117 Kenan St.
- *BOGER, Lt. Paul L.—1424 Shepard St., Waco, Texas
- *BOLICK, Miss Fannie—
- *BOLLINGER, Mrs. Betty—
- *BOLTON, Miss Elizabeth G.—Italy
- *BOLTON, Mr. R. L., Jr.—328 Wilson St., Havre de Grace, Maryland
- BOONE, Mrs. J. S.—30 Oakwood Drive
- BRADSHAW, Mrs. Harold D.—8B Clark Court
- *BRADSHAW, Mr. P. Richard—Holiday House, St. Joseph, Michigan; Ft. Leonardwood, Mo.
- BRANDON, Mrs. Alfred—Pittsboro Road
- *BRANDON, Mr. Wayne R.—Box 2173, Hugh Springs, Texas
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Kenneth Putnam

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W. O. Sparrow

J. N. Callahan

Thomas Darden

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Norma King

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Ted Chandler

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Watts Scott

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Mrs. J. T. Dobbins

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Mrs. H. D. Bennett

Mrs. John Jones

Earl Page

M. J. Bright

B. R. Smith

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Mrs. Fred Ellis

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Paul Shearin

Mrs. H. D. Strowd

Mr. & Mrs. R. L. Hardison

Bob Hughes

Dr. & Mrs. Cecil Johnson

Mrs. C. B. Jefferson

Mrs. H. C. Holloway

W. H. Davis

Mrs. Lewis Lee

Miss Margaret Haynes

Carl Brown

Family Night

W. O. Sparrow, *Chairman*

Mrs. W. O. Sparrow

Mr. & Mrs. W. S. Kutz

Mrs. Auburn Thompson

D. R. Brooks

Mrs. George V. Tilley

Mr. & Mrs. W. F. Poythress

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The Minister is an *ex-officio* member of all committees.

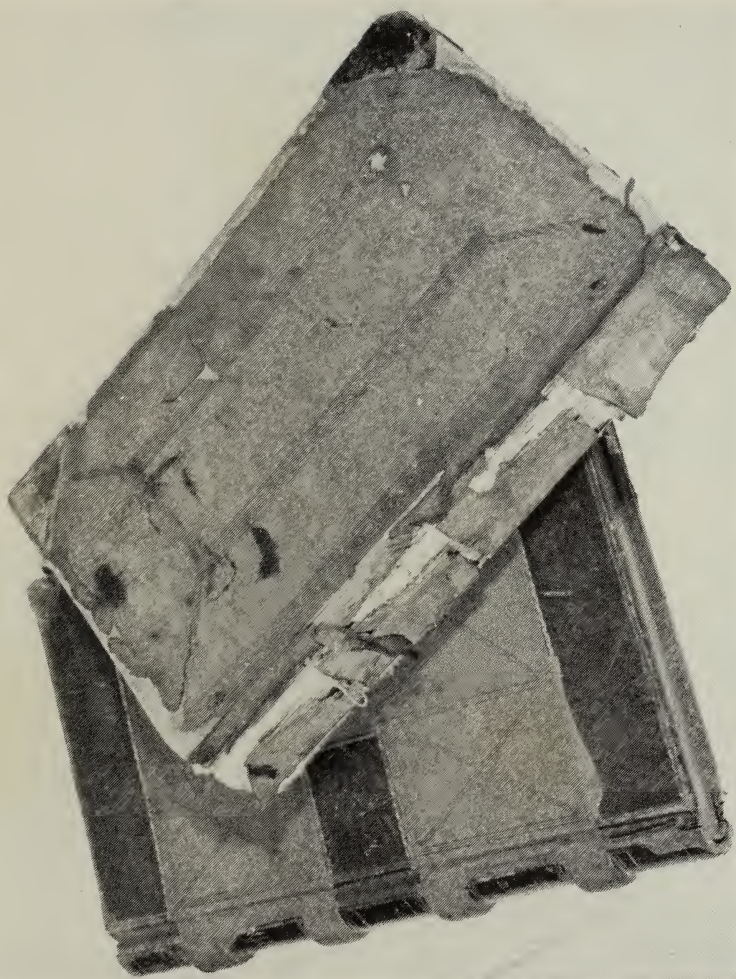
S. Thom. I gave over & assign to my Christian Friends
and Brethren John & Elizabeth, my J. B. Lewis
Acct of Land (conveyance to me by the Rev. Geo.
Hewson) which I estimated at Three thousand
Dollars; - my lot in Chapel Street which I
estimated in like manner at Two thousand
Dollars, - and the sum of Three thousand
Dollars in cash, in trust to see the Land,
and sell or lease portion of the Lot, as may be
deemed necessary, and to apply the proceeds
together with the sum of money aforementioned
towards the erection of a Baptist Church in
Chapel Street.

Chapel Hill Friday Evening 13 Sept 1854

Elc. Union Discharge After preaching by Bro Wilson, The Church united into Conference to transacting Eld. Hachney Moderator. Reappointed A. G. The Church then reappointed P. W. Wade Church Clerk. It was then ordered that the names of all the members of this Church to be called by the Clerk & registered in the proceedings of the present Conference.

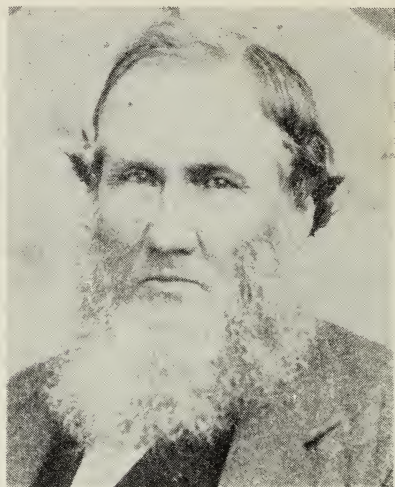
	<u>Names</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>Names</u>
White Male members	Eld. G. H. Purdy J. A. Wilson Josh. White John Bond Wm. H. Lewis M. J. White Edith Kelly Louisa White Leah Harris Lucy Purdy	H. C. Kelly H. A. White P. W. Wade J. L. White John H. Lewis J. E. Hutchins Wm. J. G. H. H. A. G. H. H. Elizabeth White H. C. H. H.	Wm. L. H. H. John H. H. H. C. H. H. Eld. B. H. H. (14) E. J. H. H. H. S. H. H. H. C. H. H. H. C. H. H. (14)
White Female members	Rensselaer Baker Theodore H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. (6)	H. (6)	Candidates for Baptism Joseph H. H. Leah H. H. Lucinda H. H. (14)

Page 28 from oldest minute book showing Roster of Members, Sept. 1854. In the first block are the names of the 14 white male members. In the second block are the names of the 14 white female members and in the third block are the names of the twelve Negro members, with three more awaiting baptism.

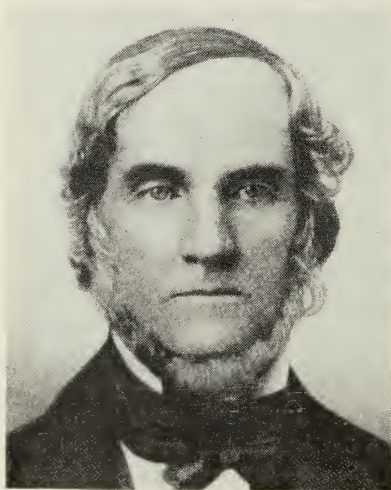


Old minute books of the Baptist Church at Chapel Hill. The records begin with the year 1854. P. H. McDade purchased the first book and as clerk recorded the minutes in his beautiful hand for many years. The oldest book is the one Mr. McDade kept the Yankee soldier from burning (see text).

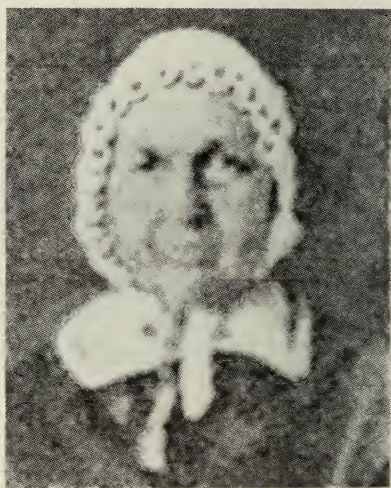
IMPORTANT PERSONS IN THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE
BAPTIST CHURCH AT CHAPEL HILL



ELDER GEORGE W. PUREFOY
Chairman of the Building Committee, 1854-
55. Active leader for many years.



REV. WM. R. HOOPER
Brilliant University professor who left the
Episcopal Church to become a Baptist minister.



MRS. JOEL BATTLE
(Mary Palmer Johnson)
"To-wit Polly"
Grandmother of Kemp Battle, she was a
devoted member.

The original church building. It was begun in 1854 and completed in 1855. It is still standing and is one of the oldest landmarks left in Chapel Hill.



THE OLD PARSONAGE

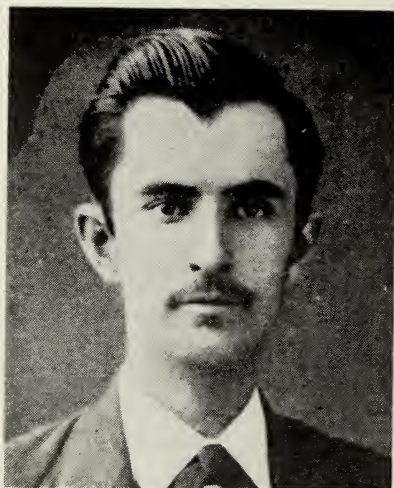
It was located on the lot where now stands the N. C. Pharmacy Association Building, corner of Church St. and W. Rosemary. It served as an academy for many years. It was destroyed by fire.

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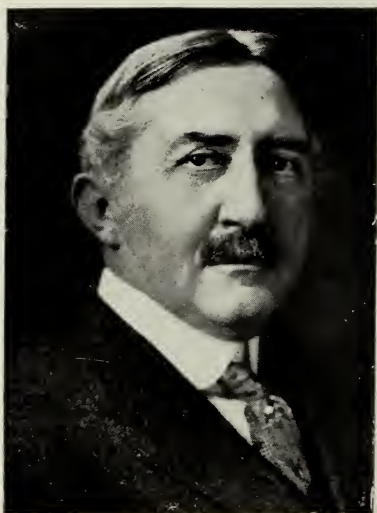
PATTERSON H. MCDADE

A courtly gentleman. One of the earliest members to join. He was clerk for many years and served the church faithfully.



REV. A. C. DIXON

He was 24 when pastor. He strengthened the church and later became widely known.



PRESIDENT EDWIN ALDERMAN
Baptized by Dixon as a student.



Baptizing scene at Purefoy's Mill. Both the Mt. Carmel and the Chapel Hill Churches used the creek at the mill to baptize church members. P. H. McDade permitted the Chapel Hill Church to build a baptistry on his property near the church building in 1855.

THE PRESENT CHURCH



The Baptist Church at Chapel Hill resembles in architecture one of the famous churches in Paris, Église de la Madeleine, shown below.





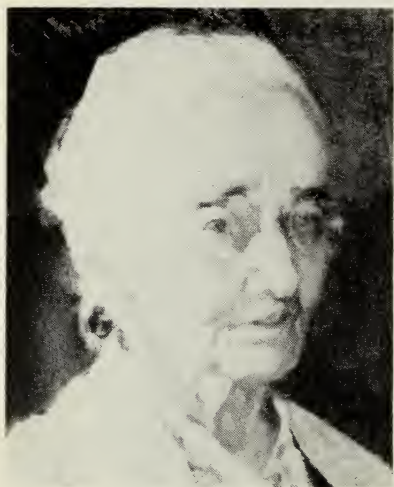
The new Parsonage. Built 1951-52. Dr. J. T. Dobbins was chairman of the Building Committee.
It is located on Vance St. at Ransom.



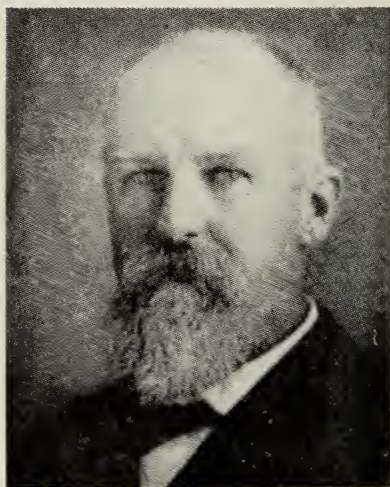
MRS. GORE and MRS. W. H. MARRIOTT,
with Baltimore hats. Mrs. Marriott taught
Sunday School class for many years.



MRS. CLARENCE PICKARD
A faithful worker with young people.



MRS. A. B. ROBESON



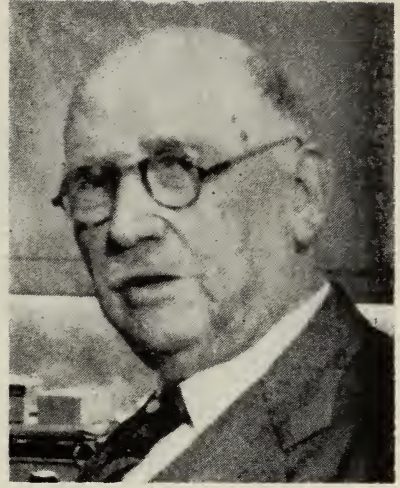
DR. A. B. ROBESON

The Robersons were loyal members for many years. They were parents of Miss Nellie Roberson, member of Centennial Committee.



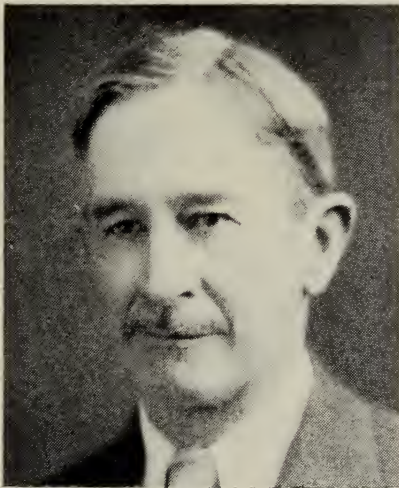
PROF. COLLIER COBB

Holds the record. He was Sunday School Superintendent for 20 years, longest term in first century.



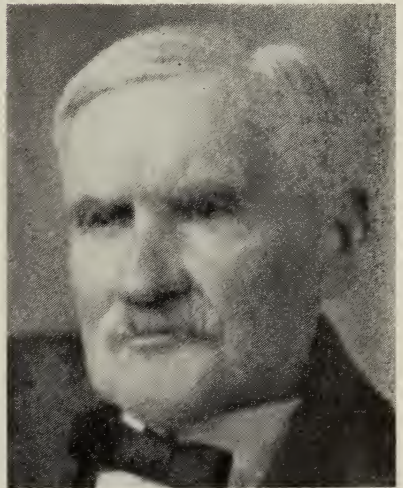
SHERIFF S. W. ANDREWS

Faithful member for many years. Worked to get large offerings for Orphanage. He was father of the Misses Nelle, Agnes and Ola Andrews and R. C. Andrews, all loyal Centennial members.



DR. W. C. COKER

Professor in the University, who made a substantial gift toward the erection of the present building. He was a member of the South Carolina Cokers, a distinguished Baptist family.

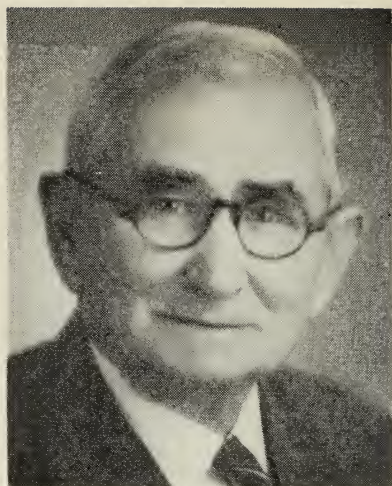


CAPT. FRED SMITH

Active member for many years. Father of Mrs. J. R. Weaver and grandfather of Max Weaver and Mrs. C. S. Bartlett.



DR. CHARLES E. MADDY
One-time Executive Secretary of North Carolina Baptists. One-time Secretary of Foreign Mission Board S. B. C. Principal figure in building new church.



EDITOR ZEB P. COUNCIL
Active member for many years. Founded the Durham Morning Herald.



DR. J. T. DOEBINS
Long-time deacon and treasurer of the church. Professor of chemistry in the University, he built the new parsonage.



JOHN W. PARKER
Business Manager, Carolina Playmakers. Chairman, Centennial Drama Committee.



CHURCH CLERK W. O. SPARROW
Has served for 35 years. Longest tenure of
office of any person in the first 100 years.

Biographical Sketch

Born, Orange County, N. C., February 14, 1888 on farm of Father. Father: Jones T. Sparrow, Mother: Louise Whitaker Sparrow.

Attended Chapel Hill Schools, University of N.C. 1915-16.

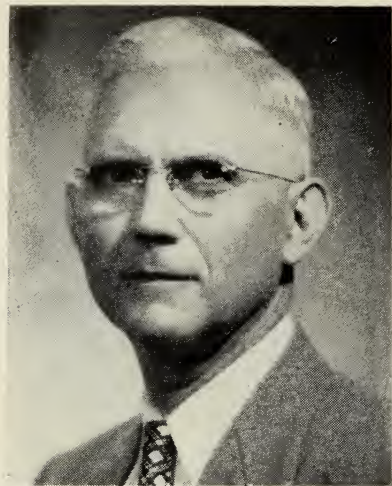
Married, 1914, to Daisy Williamson of Columbia, S. C.

Two children: Preston W. Sparrow and Wayne O. Sparrow.

Associated with the Bank of Chapel Hill 1922-1951. Now Executive Secretary Orange County Bldg. & Loan Ass'n, Chapel Hill.

Clerk, Chapel Hill Baptist Church, 1919—Mr. Sparrow has been clerk for 35 years, the longest term of office held by any person during the first 100 years. During Mr. Sparrow's tenure of office a large volume of minutes of meetings of the church and the Board of Deacons has been collected and bound.

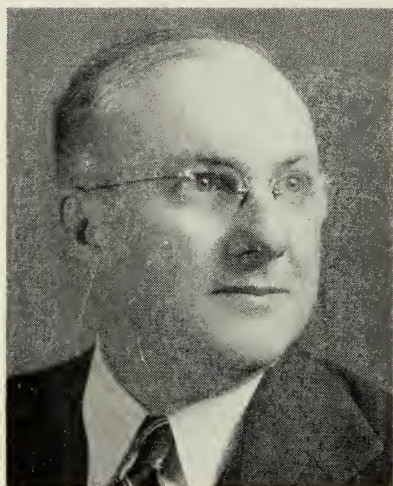
PASTORS 1917-1938



REV. E. L. BASKIN



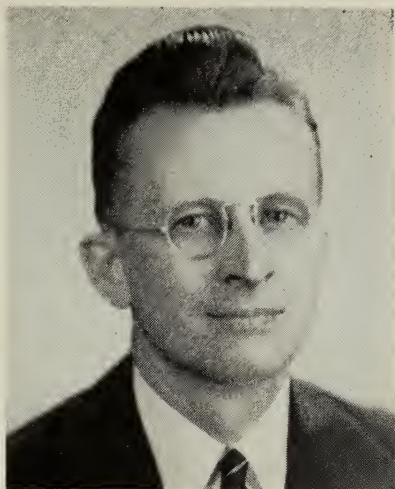
REV. EUGENE I. OLIVE



DR. O. T. BINKLEY

PASTORS

1939-Present



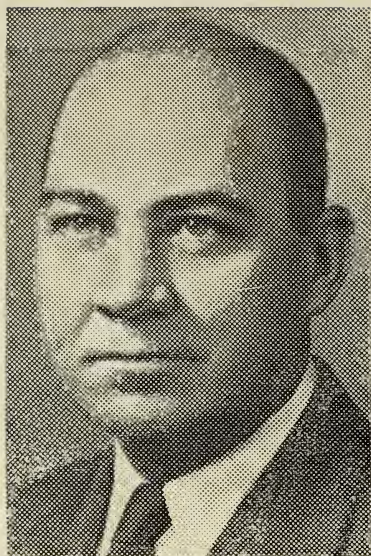
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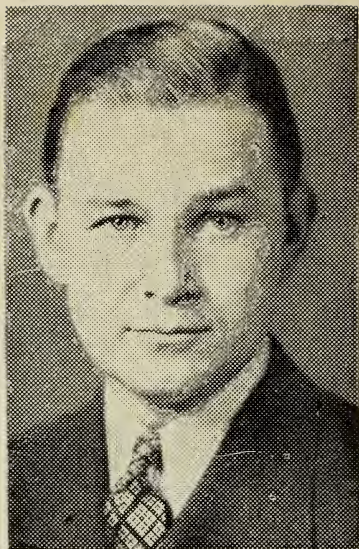
DR. DAS KELLEY BARNETT



DR. SAMUEL TILDEN HABEL
Centennial Pastor



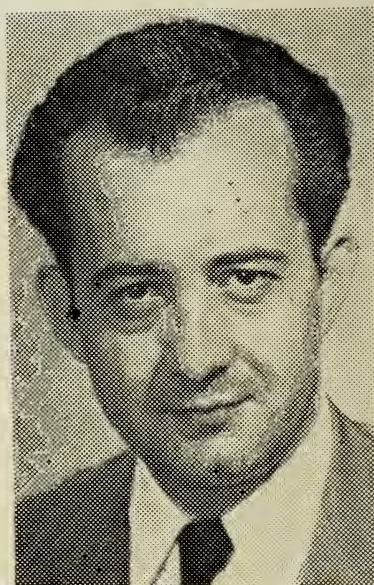
DR. W. H. PLEMMONS
Professor of Education, U.N.C. and Chair-
man of Centennial Committee.



JUDGE L. J. PHIPPS
Attorney-at-law and Centennial Chairman of
the Board of Deacons.



R. W. MADRY
Director, U.N.C. News Bureau. Chairman,
Centennial Publicity Committee.



DR. CLIFFORD STURDEVANT
Professor, UNC School of Dentistry. Chair-
man, Centennial Music Committee.

